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**Summary:** In bronchiectasis, *P. aeruginosa* co-infections occur; bacterial populations both adapt and diversify by mutation

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1     **Abstract**

2     To characterise *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* populations during chronic lung infections of non-  
3     Cystic Fibrosis bronchiectasis patients, we used whole genome sequencing to (i) assess the  
4     diversity of *P. aeruginosa* and the prevalence of multi-lineage infections, (ii) seek evidence  
5     for cross-infection or common source acquisition and (iii) characterize *P. aeruginosa*  
6     adaptations.

7             189 isolates, obtained from the sputa of 91 patients attending 16 adult UK  
8     bronchiectasis centres, were whole genome sequenced.

9             Bronchiectasis isolates were representative of the wider *P. aeruginosa* population. Of  
10    24 patients where multiple isolates were examined, there were seven examples of multi-  
11    lineage infections, most likely arising from multiple infection events. The number of  
12    nucleotide variants between genomes of isolates from different patients was in some cases  
13    similar to the variations observed between isolates from individual patients implying the  
14    possible occurrence of cross infection or common source acquisition.

15            Our data indicate that during infections of bronchiectasis patients, *P. aeruginosa*  
16    populations adapt by accumulating loss of function mutations, leading to changes in  
17    phenotypes including different modes of iron acquisition and variations in biofilm-associated  
18    polysaccharides. The within-population diversification suggests that larger scale longitudinal  
19    surveillance studies will be required to capture cross infection or common source acquisition  
20    events at an early stage.

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## 23 Introduction

24 Bronchiectasis is a chronic, progressive respiratory disease associated with irreversible  
25 widening of the bronchi [1]. Recent data suggest that in the UK incidence rates in women  
26 and men have risen to 35.2 and 26.9 respectively per 100,000 person-years [2]. In the USA  
27 the prevalence of adult bronchiectasis has been estimated at 52 in 100 000 people, with  
28 higher prevalence among women and older individuals [3]. Persistent *Pseudomonas*  
29 *aeruginosa* lung infections of bronchiectasis patients, occurring in approximately 30% of  
30 cases, are associated with poorer outcomes and premature mortality [4, 5].

31 The study of chronic *P. aeruginosa* lung infections has focused on cystic fibrosis  
32 (CF)-associated bronchiectasis, where patients are diagnosed, monitored and subjected to  
33 antibiotic therapy from a very early age. This contrasts with non-CF bronchiectasis patients,  
34 who present at a much older age and often have a shorter history of therapeutic interventions.  
35 Hence, bacterial isolates from non-CF bronchiectasis patients exhibit less resistance to  
36 antibiotics compared to isolates from adult CF patients [6]. Previous studies have  
37 characterized the evolution of *P. aeruginosa* during chronic lung infections in CF patients [7,  
38 8]. More recently, high-resolution analyses have revealed extensive heterogeneity within *P.*  
39 *aeruginosa* populations in the CF lung [9-12], including the co-existence of multiple  
40 divergent lineages [13].

41 In CF, a number of transmissible strains of *P. aeruginosa* have been identified,  
42 leading to the introduction of measures to control cross infection [14]. The study of *P.*  
43 *aeruginosa* in relation to non-CF bronchiectasis is less advanced. In our single centre study  
44 of 50 *P. aeruginosa* isolates from 40 bronchiectasis patients using molecular typing, there  
45 was no compelling evidence for cross infection or a dominant clone [15]. However, whole  
46 genome sequence analysis of multiple bronchiectasis isolates has not been carried out. Here,  
47 we report the use of genomics to assess the diversity of *P. aeruginosa* strains causing

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infections in non-CF bronchiectasis across multiple UK centres, to identify multi-strain infections, and to look for evidence for cross-infection or common source acquisition. We also characterise adaptive mutations and present evidence for within-population divergence during *P. aeruginosa* chronic lung infections of bronchiectasis patients.

**Methods**

**Patients and bacterial isolates**

The 189 *P. aeruginosa* isolates used in this study (see Table S1 in the online supplementary material) were isolated from sputum samples obtained from 93 patients with bronchiectasis and chronic *P. aeruginosa* infection (defined as two or more positive respiratory tract cultures in the preceding 12 months) attending 16 adult bronchiectasis centres throughout England and Wales. These included isolates collected as part of a multi-centre nebulized antibiotic trial [16], where patients were enrolled within 21 days of completing a course of antipseudomonal antibiotics for an exacerbation. Additional isolates from Newcastle (n = 8) and Liverpool (n = 53) were collected during observational studies. The methodology used for isolating *P. aeruginosa* from patient sputum samples is described in the online supplementary material.

For 24 patients, sets of isolates (two or more) from the same sample were analysed to look for evidence of multi-lineage infections. For three of these patients (patients 147 – 149), sets of 14 or 15 isolates from a single sample were sequenced for higher resolution analysis of within-population heterogeneity. For some analyses, to avoid biases arising from inclusion of multiple clonal genomes from the same patient, a subset of 99 genomes from 91 patients was used. This subset consisted of one randomly selected genome per clonal lineage per patient (see Table S1 in the online supplementary material). We use the term “clonal lineage” to describe isolates with shared multilocus sequence type (MLST) profile and

clustering according to core genome single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP)-based phylogeny.

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## **DNA preparation and whole genome sequencing**

Details of the extraction of genomic DNA from *P. aeruginosa* isolates, library preparation and whole-genome shotgun sequencing using Illumina short read sequencing technology are given in the online supplementary material. The European Nucleotide Archive accession number for the study is PRJEB14952.

Methods used for genome sequence assembly, extraction of MLST data, phylogenetic reconstruction using the core genome, and variant calling by mapping to the genome of PAO1 [17] to identify single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) or small insertions or deletions (INDELs) are described in online supplementary material.

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## **Identification of large deletions and virulence factor genes**

Genome sequences were aligned to the reference genomes *P. aeruginosa* PAO1 (NC\_002516, [17]) and *P. aeruginosa* LESB58 (FM209186; [18]) and large clone-specific deletions (10 kb and above) were identified using BRIG [19]. The boundaries of deletions were determined by aligning the genome sequences with the *P. aeruginosa* PAO1 genome using Mauve [20], implemented as part of the Geneious package (www.geneious.com). The presence and absence of virulence factor genes in genome assemblies was determined using Blastable (<https://www.github.com/bawee/blastable>). The *Pseudomonas* genome database (beta.pseudomonas.com) [21] was used to facilitate analysis of gene function.

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## **Results**

**Diversity of *P. aeruginosa* Non-CF BE isolates and evidence for *P. aeruginosa* multi-lineage co-infections**

Core genome SNP phylogenetic analysis alongside a collection of 331 *P. aeruginosa* isolate genomes from diverse clinical sources [22], indicated that the bronchiectasis isolates were widely distributed (see Figure S1 in the online supplementary material). From the 189 isolates, it was possible to extract complete MLST profiles for 160 (see Tables S1 and S2 in the online supplementary material), with the most widespread sequence types (STs) being ST-253 (PA14-like [23], 14 patients, 8 centres), ST-179 (7 patients, 4 centres), ST-17 (Clone C [23], 5 patients, 3 centres), ST-252 (4 patients, 4 centres) and ST-260 (4 patients, 3 centres). Using core genome SNP phylogeny, previous studies have sub-divided the wider *P. aeruginosa* population into two major groups (group I, which includes strain PAO1, and group II, which includes strain PA14) and one minor group of mostly unrelated clonal lineages [24, 25]. Of a subset of 99 genomes consisting of one randomly selected genome per clonal lineage per patient, 71 were located in group I and 27 in group II (Figure 1). Based on a combination of MLST genotype and core genome SNP phylogeny, of the 24 patients from whose samples multiple isolates were examined, there were seven examples of multi-lineage infections. In one patient (patient 92), three distinct clonal lineages of *P. aeruginosa* were identified. In patients 42, 72, 73, 84, 85 and 148 there were two co-existing lineages (Figure 1).

**Evidence for shared lineages causing infections in different patients attending the same centre**

The core genome SNP phylogeny identified a number of examples where closely-related clonal lineages were isolated from more than one patient attending the same centre (see Table S3 in the online supplementary material). In order to obtain a higher resolution comparison,



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3 122 these isolates were analysed using pairwise comparisons across their entire genomes (Table  
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18 129 The draft genome sequences of the sub-set of 99 bronchiectasis isolates were  
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20 130 examined for the presence of large (> 10kb) deletions. A total of 36 different deletions (25  
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24 132 were identified (see Table S4 in the online supplementary material). These were distributed  
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26 133 across 28 genomes in the 99-member genome subset. Most genomes had only one deletion,  
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32 136 deletions. However, in patients 45, 55, 79 and 92 not all isolates of the same lineage had the  
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36 138 C156/C159, which are from different patients but vary at fewer than 200 sites (Table 1), were  
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38 139 indistinguishable by BRIG analysis (example shown in Fig. 3B).  
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#### 45 141 **Genomic diversity of isolates within patients can be similar to diversity between patients**

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47 142 In order to further assess the within-patient diversification exhibited by *P. aeruginosa*  
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147 separately. In all four isolate sets analysed, the maximum pairwise SNP variations between  
148 two isolates of the same lineage exceeded 300, with a median of 179 or greater (Table 1),  
149 indicating the occurrence of within-patient diversification.

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151 **Loss of function mutations and deletions identified in multiple isolates**

152 We used variant calling approaches to identify independent occurrences of loss of function  
153 mutations amongst the sub-set of 99 bronchiectasis isolate genomes. This yielded a number  
154 of examples of genes with known functions carrying independent loss of function mutations  
155 in multiple isolates (Table 2; see Table S5 in the online supplementary material). These  
156 include genes linked to mucoidy, virulence, osmoprotection, biofilm formation, motility,  
157 DNA repair and antimicrobial resistance (Table 2). The genes encoding all three components  
158 of the MexAB-OprM efflux pump appear amongst the most common loss of function  
159 mutations. Multiple isolates also carried loss of function mutations in genes encoding  
160 regulators (including *lasR*, *algU*, *fleR*, *vfr*). Among the 99 bronchiectasis isolates, the  
161 number of genes with loss of function mutations as listed in Table 2 ranged from 0 to 6 (see  
162 Figure S2 and Table S6 in the online supplementary material).

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164       Hypermutable is a common trait amongst CF isolates of *P. aeruginosa*. Of the 99  
165 panel isolates, 11 carried loss of function mutations in the DNA mismatch repair genes, *mutS*  
166 or *mutL* (see Table S1 in the online supplementary material). All but two of these were  
167 confirmed as having the hypermutable phenotype.

168       An alignment of all of the genomes containing deletions >10 kb relative to the  
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170 deletions lying within the 1.9 to 2.8 Mb portion of the strain PAO1 genome. Genes within

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3 171 this region include the *psl* genes, encoding an extracellular polysaccharide [26], genes  
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5 172 encoding the siderophore pyoverdine, and genes encoding a type VI secretion apparatus [27].  
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12 175 the presence or absence of genes associated with pathogenicity (see Table S6 in the online  
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14 176 supplementary material). 23 of these genomes lacked one or more of the *psl* genes. In  
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16 177 contrast, all of the genomes contained all of the *alg* genes required for making alginate and  
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18 178 the *pel* genes required for making Pel exopolysaccharide. Eleven of the genomes lacked  
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20 179 genes required for synthesis of pyoverdine, with nine of these also lacking an *fpvA* receptor  
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22 180 gene for uptake of ferripyoverdine, although the genes required for synthesis of an alternative  
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24 181 siderophore, pyochelin, were present in all cases. Eleven of the genomes also lacked two or  
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26 182 more genes of the Type VI secretion system [PA2360 (*hsiA3*) – PA2373 (*vgrG3*)] (see Table  
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28 183 S6 in the online supplementary material). These findings are consistent with the occurrence  
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32 185 genes in multiple isolates, although in some isolates smaller deletions (< 10kb) were detected.  
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## 36 187 **Discussion**

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39 188 We used whole genome sequencing to obtain a cross section of the diversity of *P. aeruginosa*  
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41 189 strains causing infections in bronchiectasis in the UK. Our data suggest that the distribution  
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43 190 of *P. aeruginosa* lineages found amongst the bronchiectasis isolate collection broadly  
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45 191 represents what is present in the global *P. aeruginosa* population. In contrast to CF [14], we  
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47 192 found no data to suggest that there is a widespread transmissible strain amongst the UK non-  
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49 193 CF bronchiectasis community. However, our study did not include large numbers of patients  
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51 194 from individual centres. Lineages such as PA14-like and Clone C, that are naturally more  
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53 195 abundant in nature [23], were also amongst the most abundant in the bronchiectasis  
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196 collection. Because some lineages are naturally more abundant, their occurrence (based on  
197 MLST) in multiple patients is not necessarily indicative of common source or cross infection.  
198 Whole genome sequencing offers higher resolution than methods such as MLST, allowing us  
199 to address this issue.

200       In a previous comparison of paired isolates from patients within the same  
201 bronchiectasis centre, in most patients (9 of 10) the two isolates shared a common genotype,  
202 with one patient found to be infected with two strains simultaneously [15]. In this study, of  
203 24 patients from whose samples multiple isolates were examined, seven had multi-lineage  
204 infections. Similar multi-lineage infections have also been reported in CF, generally  
205 associated with children [28]. A number of studies in CF have also demonstrated the  
206 phenotypic [9, 11, 12] and genomic [10, 13, 29] diversification of single lineage *P.*  
207 *aeruginosa* populations in the CF lung. Here, we show for the first time that similar  
208 diversification occurs during infections of non-CF bronchiectasis patients. Both the  
209 prevalence of multi-lineage infections, and the diversification that occurs during the infection  
210 process emphasise the need to be cautious when interpreting the analysis of sputum samples  
211 based on single isolates of *P. aeruginosa*.

212       We found several examples of isolates from patients attending the same centre, that  
213 not only shared the same clonal lineage, but also differed genomically by <200 sites.  
214 Genomic variations between isolates from the same patient sample revealed similar, and in  
215 some cases higher, levels of variation. The occurrence of isolates with very high genetic  
216 relatedness in different patients strongly implies that there has been common source  
217 acquisition or cross infection. The extent of the nucleotide variations differentiating two  
218 isolates will be dependent upon (i) the length of time since the transmission event and (ii) the  
219 rate of mutation of the *P. aeruginosa* population during the infection. Further studies will be

needed to better define the role of cross infection or common source acquisitions in this patient group.

There was clear evidence for bacterial adaptation to the lung environment by the accumulation of mutations and deletions, including loss of function mutations in genes identified previously as being commonly mutated in CF, such as *mucA* (mucoidy) and *lasR* (quorum sensing). It is worth noting, however, that mutations in genes encoding some of the regulators highlighted in previous CF studies (*mexT*, *retS*, *exsD*, *ampR*) were observed either infrequently (two *mexT* and two *ampR* mutants) or not at all (see Table S5 in the online supplementary material). Mutations in global regulators potentially affect numerous processes. In CF, the pathoadaptive genes identified in different studies have varied, suggesting that there are multiple routes to adaptation to the CF lung [7, 8], a scenario which is likely to apply also to non-CF bronchiectasis.

Loss of function mutations in genes encoding the MexAB-OprM efflux pump were common amongst the bronchiectasis isolates. Although generally thought of as a multidrug efflux system important for antibiotic resistance, this system has also been implicated in virulence [30]. Hence, although it may seem counterintuitive that *P. aeruginosa* should adapt by losing an antibiotic resistance-related efflux pump, it may be that the driver for selection is related to a function other than antibiotic efflux. In contrast, the loss of function mutations in *mexS* can be linked directly to antibiotic resistance, since mutations in *mexS* promote upregulation of the MexEF-OprN MDR efflux pump [31].

The prevalence amongst non-CF BE isolates of deletions in a specific genomic region encoding pyoverdine and Psl polysaccharide was higher than in a dataset of 331 *P. aeruginosa* clinical isolate genomes [22], where 22 genomes lacked one or more *psl* genes, only three lacked one or more of the pyoverdine synthesis genes, and only one did not have an *fpvA* receptor gene. *P. aeruginosa* can utilise multiple pathways for iron acquisition [32].

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245 During chronic lung infections in CF, *P. aeruginosa* adapts by favouring the heme utilisation  
246 route for iron acquisition rather than the pyoverdine siderophore system [33]. Our  
247 observations suggest a similar adaptation in non-CF bronchiectasis.

248 In order to protect itself from hostile environmental conditions or host defences *P.*  
249 *aeruginosa* can produce three exopolysaccharides contributing to biofilm formation: alginate,  
250 Psl and Pel [26]. It has been suggested that Psl is a key surface attachment determinant [34],  
251 whereas in the CF lung free-floating biofilm structures may be more important [35]. Other  
252 mutations favouring the production of Pel rather than Psl include mutations in *bifA* [36], *rbdA*  
253 [37], *oprF* [38] and *ladS* [39]. Hence, overall our observations indicate that in non-CF BE  
254 chronic lung infections, the Pel and alginate exopolysaccharides are favoured over Psl.

255 Other common loss of function mutations (in *pilJ*, *chpA* and *fimV*) are implicated in  
256 lost or amended twitching motility, an adaptation also seen both in CF [8] and in an artificial  
257 sputum biofilm model [40], suggesting that this may be an adaptation related to the viscosity  
258 of the sputum environment.

259 Our study represents the first comparative genomics analysis of multiple *P.*  
260 *aeruginosa* isolates associated with chronic lung infections of non-CF bronchiectasis patients.  
261 Although a larger, more targeted study, analysing greater numbers of isolates per sample,  
262 would be needed to determine the true prevalence of multi-lineage infections, this  
263 observation does suggest that it is common for multiple *P. aeruginosa* lineages to co-exist in  
264 bronchiectasis infections. Our study also demonstrates that within-sample diversity can be  
265 comparable in scale to the genetic variations that occur between isolates from different  
266 patients attending the same centre. These observations suggest that there is an urgent need for  
267 more detailed and larger scale longitudinal studies in non-CF patients, and for surveillance  
268 that captures the diversity within centres and would identify cross infection or common

269 source acquisition events earlier, allowing measures to be taken in order to minimise the  
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## 281 **Figure legends.**

282 **Figure 1. Evidence for multi-lineage co-infections in seven patients.** The figure shows a  
283 core genome SNP phylogeny for the sub-set of 99 isolates, confirming that all but one isolate  
284 (B113) clusters into one of two major groups. Each bronchiectasis centre is represented by a  
285 different colour. Arrows sharing the same colour indicate isolates that were obtained from  
286 the same patient. The three isolates from the same patient 92 sample are numbered 1-3.

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288 **Figure 2. Example pairwise comparisons between isolates sharing the same clonal**  
289 **lineage that were isolated from more than one patient attending the same centre.** The  
290 number of SNP variations are indicated, with the number of IN-DEL variations shown in  
291 brackets. Full details are shown in Table S3 in the online supplementary material. The five  
292 examples where isolates shared fewer than 200 variant sites are highlighted in green. All

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isolates of ST-244 from patients attending Centre 4 were compared, with similarity graded according to variant sites (<200, green; 200 – 3000 orange; >3000 red).

**Figure 3. Examples of alignment of genomes of bronchiectasis strains with that of reference strain *P. aeruginosa* PAO1.** Sequences identified as present (dark grey) or absent (white) in the genome of PAO1 are indicated. (A) Isolates of the same lineage (ST-253) from the same patient. From innermost to outermost, C95, C97, C98, C99, C96. A deletion present in isolate C96 only is highlighted (see arrow). (B) Pairs of isolates (from innermost to outermost C6 and C7; and C156 and C159) that both share the same clonal lineage but are from different patients attending the same hospital. Isolates C6 and C7 share a large deletion and isolates C156 and C159 share a smaller overlapping deletion (Supplementary Table S4), as indicated (see arrows). (C) Isolates of different lineages from the same patient. From innermost to outermost, A77, A80, A85 (all ST-175); A78, A81, A82 (all ST-17). A large deletion present in the ST-17 isolates is indicated by an arrow. The figures were generated using BRIG.

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**Table 1. Summary of genomic diversity observed within the same clonal lineage of *P. aeruginosa* in individual patients**

| Patient             | Number of isolates | Mean SNPs | Median SNPs | SNP range | Mean Indels | Median Indels | Indel range |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| Patient 147         | 15                 | 336.35    | 261.00      | 88-640    | 15.20       | 14.00         | 0-35        |
| Patient 148 (ST17)  | 4                  | 451.50    | 482.50      | 159-654   | 23.83       | 25.50         | 6-34        |
| Patient 148 (ST175) | 11                 | 195.45    | 179.00      | 79-403    | 9.27        | 5.00          | 0-36        |
| Patient 149         | 14                 | 209.01    | 206.00      | 68-327    | 11.40       | 10.00         | 3-28        |

The table indicates the number of single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) and small insertion and deletion (INDEL) differences between the genomes of contemporary isolates from single sputum samples.

**Table 2 Loss of function mutations occurring in multiple isolates.** Only mutations predicted to lead to loss of function were included (ie. introduction of a stop codon, or a frame-shift mutation). The number of independent mutations indicates the number of isolates carrying unique mutations in the listed gene. The Table shows those genes where the number of independent occurrences of a mutation was equal to or greater than five.

| Gene         | PAO1 gene number | Number of independent occurrences of a mutation | Function / Comment  |
|--------------|------------------|---|---|
| <i>mexB</i>  | PA0426           | 16  | Transporter from MexAB-OprM efflux pump, antibiotic resistance, virulence   |
| <i>mucA</i>  | PA0763           | 13  | Anti-sigma factor, mutations can lead to mucoidy.   |
| <i>betT2</i> | PA5291           | 9   | Transporter, uptake of small molecules such as choline and glycine betaine, contributing to growth via phosphatidyl choline metabolism and osmoprotection |
| <i>bifA</i>  | PA4367           | 7   | Cyclic-di-GMP phosphodiesterase, inversely regulates biofilm formation  |
| <i>mexA</i>  | PA0425           | 7   | Membrane fusion protein from MexAB-OprM efflux pump, antibiotic resistance, virulence   |
| <i>pcoA</i>  | PA2065           | 7   | Copper resistance   |
| PA4469       | PA4469           | 7   | Hypothetical protein encoded by a gene in same operon as and upstream of <i>sodM</i> (superoxide dismutase; response to oxidative stress)                 |
| <i>rbdA</i>  | PA0861           | 7   | Cyclic-di-GMP phosphodiesterase, modulation of biofilm dispersal, negative regulation of Pel production   |
| <i>pilJ</i>  | PA0411           | 6   | Methyl accepting chemotaxis receptor-like protein involved in twitching motility and biofilm formation  |
| <i>oprM</i>  | PA0427           | 6   | Outer membrane protein from MexAB-OprM efflux pump, antibiotic resistance, virulence  |
| <i>oprF</i>  | PA1777           | 6   | Major porin, biofilm formation  |
| <i>chpA</i>  | PA0413           | 5   | Chemotaxis-like chemosensory protein involved in twitching motility   |
| <i>fimV</i>  | PA3115           | 5   | Peptidoglycan-binding protein, promotes type IV pilin assembly, twitching motility  |
| <i>ladS</i>  | PA3974           | 5   | Sensor kinase, implicated in switch between acute and chronic infection   |
| <i>mutL</i>  | PA4946           | 5   | Mismatch repair system, DNA repair, mutation can lead to mutator phenotype  |
| <i>gmd</i>   | PA5453           | 5   | GDP-mannose 4,6-dehydratase,  |

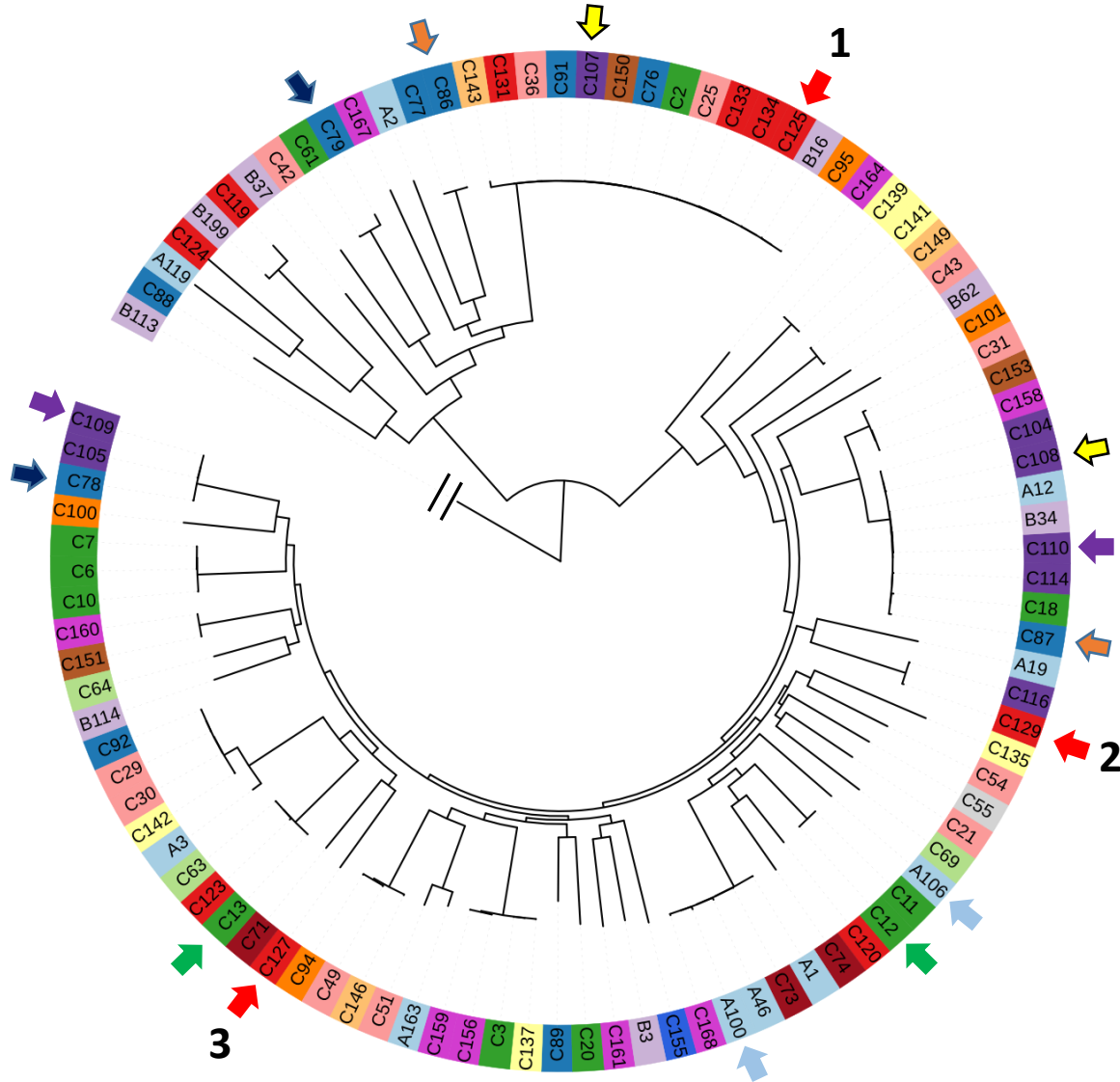
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| <i>mexS</i> | PA2491 | 5 | Mutations promote MexT-dependent <i>mexEF-oprN</i> expression and multidrug resistance |
| <i>pchE</i> | PA4226 | 5 | Pyochelin synthesis  |
| PA0054      | PA0054 | 5 | Hypothetical protein   |

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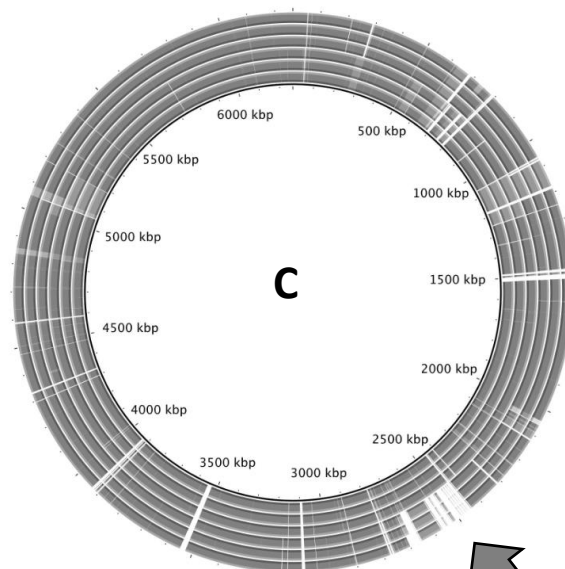
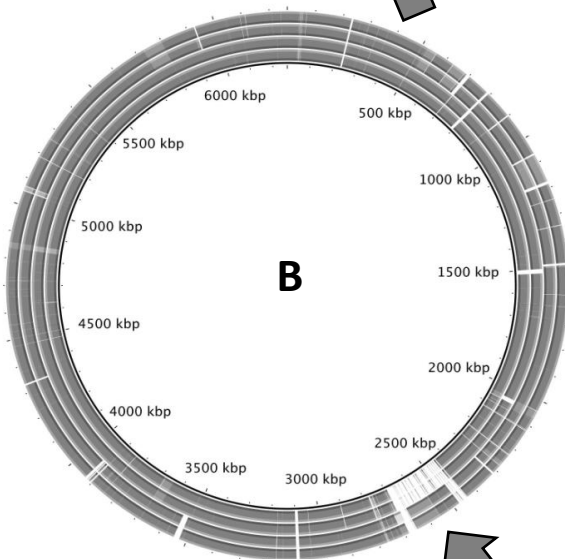
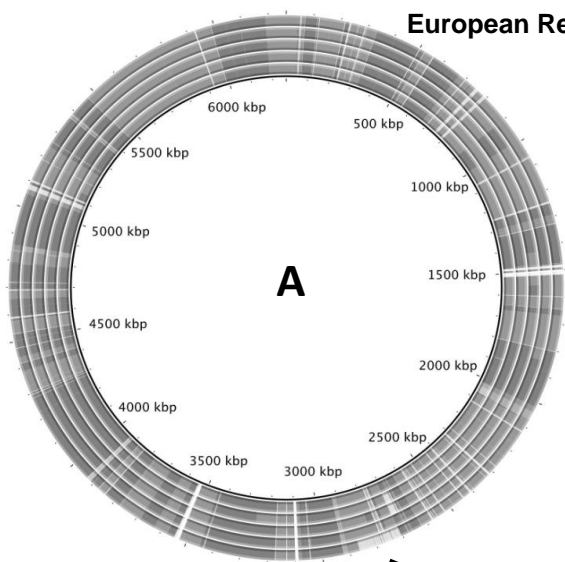


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| Patient:          | 38 | 39     | 40       | 40       | 40       |
| Isolate           | C6 | C7     | C8       | C9       | C10      |
| C6                |    | 179(8) | 3790(79) | 3733(74) | 3833(62) |
| C7                |    |        | 3736(82) | 3714(75) | 3929(65) |
| C8                |    |        |          | 281(5)   | 603(14)  |
| C9                |    |        |          |          | 515(11)  |

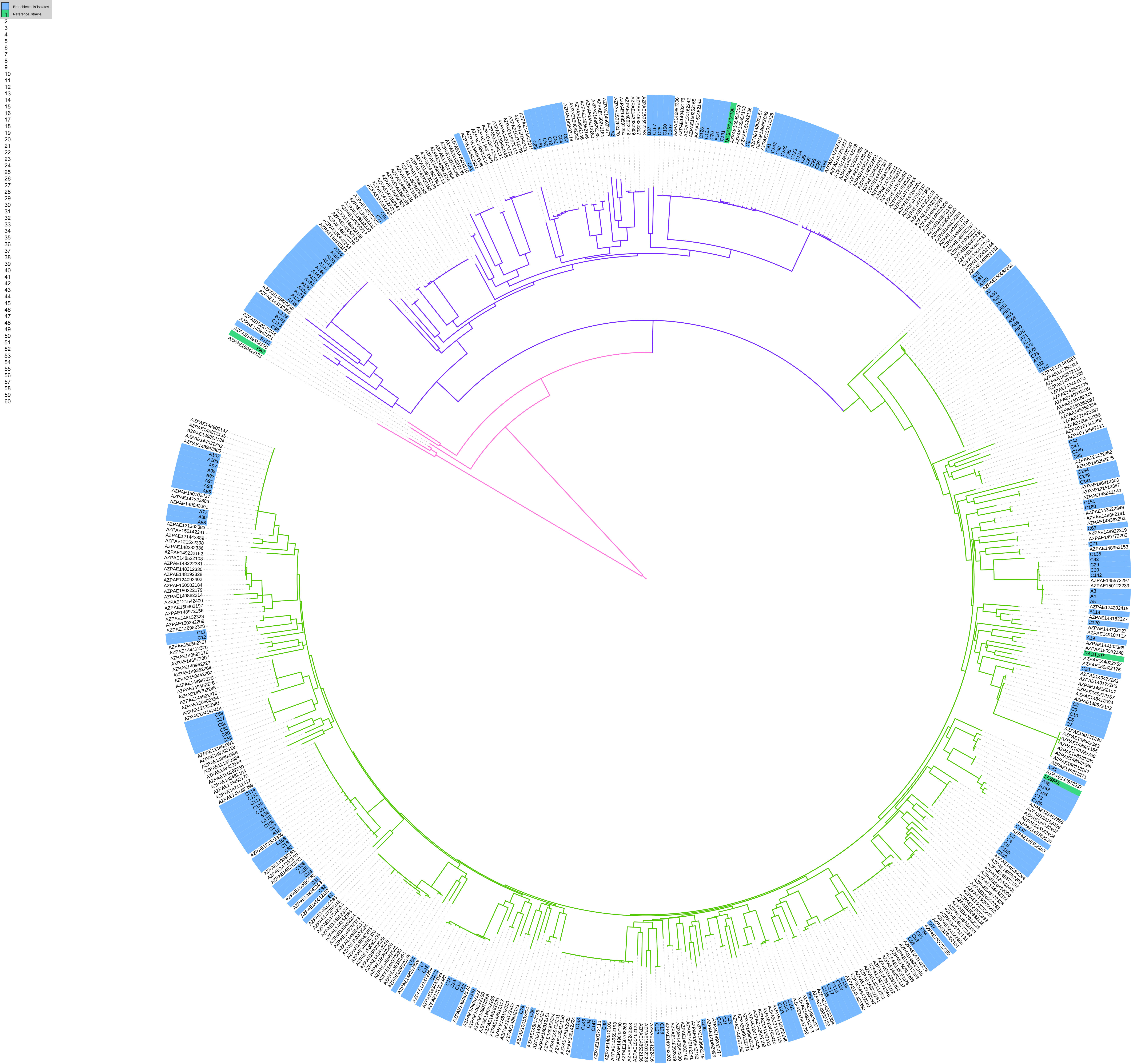
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| Patient:           | 48  | 49     | Patient:           | 83   | 85     |
| Isolate            | C29 | C30    | Isolate            | C105 | C109   |
| C29                |     | 168(3) | C105               |      | 131(8) |

| Centre 16 (ST-260) |      |        | Centre 14 (ST-2102) |      |        |
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| Patient:           | 108  | 110    | Patient:            | 98   | 99     |
| Isolate            | C156 | C159   | Isolate             | C139 | C141   |
| C156               |      | 160(3) | C105                |      | 177(3) |











## Online Supplementary Material for:

*Pseudomonas aeruginosa* adaptation and diversification in the non-Cystic Fibrosis

bronchiectasis lung

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## Supplementary Methods

### Isolation of *P. aeruginosa* from sputum samples

All samples were cultured for routine quantitative microbiology. Sputum was homogenised with equal parts of 0.1% (v/v) dithiothreitol, and the homogenised sample was diluted in sterile distilled water to 1 in 200 and 1 in 10,000. Both dilutions were spread by Whitley Automatic Spiral Plater (WASP) onto agar plates. Cultures on Columbia blood agar, chocolate agar and cysteine lactose electrolyte deficient agar (CLED) were incubated at 37°C in 5% (v/v) CO<sub>2</sub> for up to 48 h. Cultures on *Pseudomonas* agar plus CFC supplement (PCFC) were incubated at 37°C in air for up to 48 h and then checked for small colony variants (SCV) after incubating on the bench for up to a further 48 h. Colony forming unit (CFU) representatives of up to four colonial morphotypes were sub cultured and stored in 15% (v/v) Glycerol for archiving at -80°C.

### DNA preparation and genome sequencing

Genomic DNA was extracted from isolates using a Promega Wizard Genomic DNA Purification Kit, quantified using a Qubit 3.0 fluorometer (Qubit dsDNA broad range assay kit, Life Technologies) and tested for purity using a NanoDrop 1000 spectrophotometer (Thermo Scientific). Library preparation and whole-genome shotgun sequencing was performed by the Centre for Genomic Research at the University of Liverpool, UK using Illumina short read sequencing technology. Shotgun libraries were prepared from the normalised samples using TruSeq Nano library preparation kit. Following library preparation, paired-end sequencing (2 x 100 bp) was performed by multiplexing into one lane of the Illumina HiSeq platform and sequenced with SBS V4 chemistry.

Following processing, the raw Fastq files were trimmed for the presence of Illumina adapter sequences using Cutadapt version 1.2.1 [1]. The option `-O 3` was used so that the 3' end of any reads which match the adapter sequence for 3 bp or more were trimmed. The reads were further trimmed using Sickle (<https://github.com/najoshi/sickle>) version 1.200 with a minimum window quality score of 20. Reads shorter than 10 bp after trimming were removed. If only one read of a pair passed this filter, it was included in the R0 file, with files R1 and R2 containing corresponding paired-end sequences. Quality filtered and adapter trimmed short reads were *de novo* assembled and scaffolded using the A5 MiSeq assembler [2]. Genome assembly quality metrics such as N50, largest contig, and overall number of contigs were produced using QUAST [3].

**Core genome SNP phylogeny**

The core genome was extracted using Panseq [4] and was defined as 500 bp fragments of all genomes in this study which matched with at least 85% similarity. A phylogenetic tree was approximated from core genome polymorphic sites, not including gaps or ambiguous bases by maximum likelihood with inner node bootstrap (n = 1000) and 10 discrete gamma

categories. All phylogenetic analyses were performed using MEGA6 [5] and visualised using the iTOL software [6]. Long branches were reduced for clarity.

### Multilocus Sequence Typing

MLST profiles were extracted based on the pubMLST *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* scheme (<http://pubmlst.org/paeruginosa/>) using a specific tool (<https://github.com/tseemann/mlst>).

It was not possible to extract complete MLST profiles from all genomes. In the context of this study, a lineage is defined on the basis of MLST profile and core genome SNP phylogeny.

### Whole genome pairwise comparisons

Pairwise comparisons between assembled genomes were performed using MUMmer 3.0 [7]. Any positions in the alignment with ambiguous nucleotides were removed.

### Read mapping and variant calling

All genome short read files (*fastq*) were mapped to reference genome PAO1 [8] using bwa-0.7.5a (mem) [9] producing a sequence alignment map (*sam*) files which were converted to binary alignment map files (*bam*) using picard tools-1.85 (<https://broadinstitute.github.io/picard/>). The reference genome was first indexed and sorted using bwa and SAMtools [10] respectively and a sequence dictionary created using picard tools-1.85. Variants were called following the Genome Analysis Toolkit (GATK) best practices workflow, as follows: duplicates were marked, the *bam* file indexed and sorted with picard tools-1.85, realignment targets created, INDELs realigned with GATK-3.3 [11] and variants called with the HaplotypeCaller module. Variants were filtered using vcffilter (<https://github.com/vcfliib/vcfliib>) with the standard parameters (DP >9, QUAL >10).

Resulting variant call files (*vcf*) were annotated to predict functional outcomes of variants compared with PAO1 genes using SnpEff [12]. Using SAMtools depth any variants within genes to which short reads had not aligned to 100% of its length were excluded from further analysis, leaving substitutions and short insertions or deletions (INDELs) and eliminating genes from functional variant analysis to which reads did not fully align due to sequencing error (lack of coverage) or genuine large deletions/complete absence.

**Loss of function mutations**

Predicted loss of function mutations were inferred to have been acquired independently in the population if they differed by position or type between genomes. Where the position and type were the same they were inferred to be shared; in genes where a mutation was shared with other genomes, further loss of function mutations were assumed to have been acquired since the common, ancestral acquisition of the shared mutation.

**Supplementary Tables:**

**Supplementary Table S1. Bacterial isolates used in this study. ST refers to the designated multilocus sequence type. \*novel shared MLST and they cluster according to SNP phylogeny. Isolates C21-C23 cluster together according to core genome SNP phylogeny. Isolates included in the subset of 99 genomes are highlighted in red. The Mutator column indicates the presence of mutations associated with hypermutability (INDEL, causing a frameshift or STOP, introduction of a stop codon). Of the 11 isolates carrying such a mutation, all but two (B113 and C78) were confirmed as having a hypermutable phenotype using assays reported previously [13]. Isolates labelled with the same letter from <sup>a</sup> to <sup>i</sup> were considered to be from the same lineage as each other on the basis of incomplete MLST profiles (see Table S2) and clustering by core genome SNP phylogeny (see Figure S1).**

| Isolate ID | Center | Date       | Patient | ST               | Mutator             |
|------------|--------|------------|---------|------------------|---------------------|
| A1         | 1      | 09/10/2014 | 1       | 17               |                     |
| A2         | 1      | 16/10/2014 | 2       | 207              |                     |
| A3         | 1      | 10/10/2014 | 3       | 252              |                     |
| A4         | 1      | 10/10/2014 | 3       | 252              |                     |
| A5         | 1      | 10/10/2014 | 3       | 252              |                     |
| B3         | 12     | 01/11/2008 | 8       | 281              |                     |
| B16        | 12     | 25/11/2013 | 9       | 253              |                     |
| B34        | 12     | 03/09/2014 | 11      | 179              |                     |
| B37        | 12     | 18/01/2012 | 12      | -                |                     |
| B62        | 12     | 03/09/2014 | 15      | -                |                     |
| B113       | 12     | 23/10/2014 | 18      | 1328             | <i>mutL</i> (INDEL) |
| B114       | 12     | 11/04/2012 | 19      | 198              |                     |
| B199       | 12     | 18/10/2011 | 32      | 1182             |                     |
| A12        | 1      | 14/11/2014 | 35      | 179              |                     |
| C2         | 4      | 14/10/2009 | 36      | 253              |                     |
| C3         | 4      | 25/02/2010 | 37      | 260              |                     |
| C4         | 4      | 25/02/2010 | 37      | - <sup>a</sup>   |                     |
| C5         | 4      | 25/02/2010 | 37      | 260 <sup>a</sup> |                     |
| C6         | 4      | 03/03/2010 | 38      | 244              |                     |
| C7         | 4      | 23/03/2010 | 39      | 244              |                     |
| C10        | 4      | 16/04/2010 | 40      | 244              |                     |
| C8         | 4      | 16/04/2010 | 40      | 244              |                     |

|     |    |            |    |                 |              |
|-----|----|------------|----|-----------------|--------------|
| C9  | 4  | 16/04/2010 | 40 | 244             |              |
| C11 | 4  | 19/08/2010 | 41 | 282             |              |
| C12 | 4  | 20/08/2010 | 42 | 282             |              |
| C13 | 4  | 20/08/2010 | 42 | 27 <sup>b</sup> |              |
| C14 | 4  | 20/08/2010 | 42 | 27 <sup>b</sup> |              |
| C15 | 4  | 20/08/2010 | 42 | 27 <sup>b</sup> |              |
| C16 | 4  | 20/08/2010 | 42 | - <sup>b</sup>  |              |
| C17 | 4  | 20/08/2010 | 42 | - <sup>b</sup>  |              |
| C18 | 4  | 15/04/2011 | 43 | -               | mutL (STOP)  |
| C20 | 4  | 01/07/2011 | 44 | 878             |              |
| C21 | 15 | 14/04/2009 | 45 | - <sup>c</sup>  |              |
| C22 | 15 | 14/04/2009 | 45 | - <sup>c</sup>  |              |
| C23 | 15 | 14/04/2009 | 45 | - <sup>c</sup>  |              |
| C25 | 15 | 20/05/2009 | 46 | 253             |              |
| C29 | 15 | 03/06/2009 | 48 | 252             |              |
| C30 | 15 | 04/06/2009 | 49 | 252             |              |
| C31 | 15 | 25/08/2009 | 50 | - <sup>d</sup>  | mutL (INDEL) |
| C32 | 15 | 25/08/2009 | 50 | - <sup>d</sup>  |              |
| C33 | 15 | 25/08/2009 | 50 | - <sup>d</sup>  |              |
| C36 | 15 | 21/05/2010 | 52 | 253             |              |
| C42 | 15 | 12/07/2010 | 54 | 309             |              |
| C43 | 15 | 28/07/2010 | 55 | 108             |              |
| C44 | 15 | 28/07/2010 | 55 | 108             |              |
| C45 | 15 | 28/07/2010 | 55 | 108             |              |
| C49 | 15 | 22/02/2011 | 58 | 395             |              |
| C51 | 15 | 23/02/2011 | 59 | 683             |              |
| C54 | 15 | 15/06/2011 | 61 | 1342            |              |
| C55 | 5  | 26/06/2009 | 62 | - <sup>e</sup>  |              |
| C56 | 5  | 26/06/2009 | 62 | - <sup>e</sup>  |              |
| C57 | 5  | 26/06/2009 | 62 | - <sup>e</sup>  |              |
| C58 | 5  | 26/06/2009 | 62 | - <sup>e</sup>  |              |
| C59 | 5  | 26/06/2009 | 62 | - <sup>e</sup>  |              |
| C60 | 5  | 26/06/2009 | 62 | - <sup>e</sup>  |              |
| C61 | 5  | 17/11/2009 | 63 | 620             |              |
| C63 | 3  | 02/09/2009 | 64 | 27              |              |
| C64 | 3  | 25/11/2009 | 65 | 274             |              |
| C65 | 3  | 25/11/2009 | 65 | 274             |              |
| C66 | 3  | 25/11/2009 | 65 | 274             |              |
| C67 | 3  | 25/11/2009 | 65 | 274             |              |
| C68 | 3  | 25/11/2009 | 65 | 274             |              |
| C69 | 3  | 12/05/2010 | 66 | -               |              |



|      |    |            |    |                  |                     |
|------|----|------------|----|------------------|---------------------|
| C71  | 9  | 04/09/2009 | 67 | 968              |                     |
| C73  | 9  | 05/11/2010 | 68 | 17               |                     |
| C74  | 9  | 03/12/2010 | 69 | 1202             | <i>mutL</i> (STOP)  |
| C76  | 2  | 12/05/2009 | 70 | 253              |                     |
| C77  | 2  | 03/07/2009 | 71 | 308              |                     |
| C78  | 2  | 14/07/2009 | 72 | 840              | <i>mutL</i> (INDEL) |
| C79  | 2  | 14/07/2009 | 72 | 620 <sup>f</sup> | <i>mutL</i> (STOP)  |
| C80  | 2  | 14/07/2009 | 72 | 620 <sup>f</sup> |                     |
| C81  | 2  | 14/07/2009 | 72 | 620 <sup>f</sup> |                     |
| C82  | 2  | 14/07/2009 | 72 | 620 <sup>f</sup> |                     |
| C83  | 2  | 14/07/2009 | 72 | - <sup>f</sup>   |                     |
| C84  | 2  | 14/07/2009 | 72 | 620 <sup>f</sup> |                     |
| C85  | 2  | 06/08/2009 | 73 | - <sup>g</sup>   |                     |
| C86  | 2  | 06/08/2009 | 73 | 308              |                     |
| C87  | 2  | 06/08/2009 | 73 | 179 <sup>g</sup> |                     |
| C88  | 2  | 15/12/2009 | 74 | 1251             |                     |
| C89  | 2  | 25/03/2010 | 75 | 1239             |                     |
| C91  | 2  | 13/01/2011 | 76 | 253              |                     |
| C92  | 2  | 01/02/2011 | 77 | 252              |                     |
| C94  | 10 | 03/07/2009 | 78 | 395              |                     |
| C95  | 10 | 29/07/2009 | 79 | 253              |                     |
| C96  | 10 | 29/07/2009 | 79 | 253              |                     |
| C97  | 10 | 29/07/2009 | 79 | 253              |                     |
| C98  | 10 | 29/07/2009 | 79 | 253              |                     |
| C99  | 10 | 29/07/2009 | 79 | 253              |                     |
| C100 | 10 | 13/10/2009 | 80 | 612              |                     |
| C101 | 10 | 21/10/2009 | 81 | - <sup>h</sup>   |                     |
| C102 | 10 | 21/10/2009 | 81 | - <sup>h</sup>   |                     |
| C103 | 10 | 21/10/2009 | 81 | - <sup>h</sup>   |                     |
| C104 | 13 | 16/05/2009 | 82 | 179              |                     |
| C105 | 13 | 25/07/2009 | 83 | 840              |                     |
| C106 | 13 | 11/08/2009 | 84 | - <sup>i</sup>   |                     |
| C107 | 13 | 11/08/2009 | 84 | 253              |                     |
| C108 | 13 | 11/08/2009 | 84 | 179 <sup>i</sup> |                     |
| C109 | 13 | 11/08/2009 | 85 | 840              |                     |
| C110 | 13 | 11/08/2009 | 85 | 179              |                     |
| C111 | 13 | 11/08/2009 | 85 | 179              |                     |
| C112 | 13 | 11/08/2009 | 85 | 179              |                     |
| C114 | 13 | 05/12/2009 | 86 | 179              |                     |
| C115 | 13 | 05/12/2009 | 86 | 179              |                     |
| C116 | 13 | 04/06/2010 | 87 | 871              |                     |

|      |    |            |     |      |              |
|------|----|------------|-----|------|--------------|
| C117 | 13 | 04/06/2010 | 87  | 871  |              |
| C118 | 13 | 04/06/2010 | 87  | 871  |              |
| C119 | 7  | 23/01/2010 | 88  | -    |              |
| C120 | 7  | 29/01/2010 | 89  | -    |              |
| C123 | 7  | 02/04/2010 | 90  | 27   | mutS (INDEL) |
| C124 | 7  | 08/04/2010 | 91  | 1753 |              |
| C125 | 7  | 29/04/2010 | 92  | 253  |              |
| C126 | 7  | 29/04/2010 | 92  | 253  |              |
| C127 | 7  | 29/04/2010 | 92  | 164  | mutS (INDEL) |
| C128 | 7  | 29/04/2010 | 92  | 164  |              |
| C129 | 7  | 29/04/2010 | 92  | 871  | mutL (INDEL) |
| C131 | 7  | 08/05/2010 | 93  | 253  |              |
| C133 | 7  | 28/05/2010 | 94  | 253  | mutS (INDEL) |
| C134 | 7  | 19/12/2010 | 95  | 253  | mutS (INDEL) |
| C135 | 14 | 02/11/2009 | 96  | 160  |              |
| C137 | 14 | 16/04/2010 | 97  | 260  |              |
| C139 | 14 | 08/09/2010 | 98  | 2102 |              |
| C141 | 14 | 01/10/2010 | 99  | 2102 |              |
| C142 | 14 | 11/02/2011 | 100 | 252  |              |
| C143 | 8  | 08/07/2010 | 101 | 253  |              |
| C144 | 8  | 08/07/2010 | 101 | 253  |              |
| C145 | 8  | 08/07/2010 | 101 | 253  |              |
| C146 | 8  | 25/06/2010 | 102 | 395  |              |
| C147 | 8  | 25/06/2010 | 102 | 395  |              |
| C148 | 8  | 25/06/2010 | 102 | 395  |              |
| C149 | 8  | 22/03/2011 | 103 | 108  |              |
| C150 | 6  | 27/08/2010 | 104 | 253  |              |
| C151 | 6  | 03/03/2011 | 105 | 1244 |              |
| C153 | 6  | 07/04/2011 | 106 | 155  |              |
| C155 | 11 | 04/12/2010 | 107 | 1211 |              |
| C156 | 16 | 16/11/2010 | 108 | 260  |              |
| C158 | 16 | 03/12/2010 | 109 | 155  |              |
| C159 | 16 | 09/12/2010 | 110 | 260  |              |
| C160 | 16 | 09/12/2010 | 111 | 1244 |              |
| C161 | 16 | 03/03/2011 | 112 | 110  |              |
| C164 | 16 | 08/12/2010 | 113 | -    |              |
| C167 | 16 | 21/04/2011 | 114 | 296  |              |
| C168 | 16 | 21/12/2010 | 115 | 17   |              |
| A19  | 1  | 16/12/2014 | 120 | -    |              |
| A163 | 1  | 19/05/2015 | 137 | 146  |              |
| A36  | 1  | 17/02/2015 | 137 | 146  |              |

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|------|---|------------|-----|-----|--|
| A46  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 147 | 17  |  |
| A48  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 147 | 17  |  |
| A52  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 147 | 17  |  |
| A53  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 147 | 17  |  |
| A54  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 147 | 17  |  |
| A55  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 147 | 17  |  |
| A56  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 147 | 17  |  |
| A58  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 147 | 17  |  |
| A60  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 147 | 17  |  |
| A70  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 147 | 17  |  |
| A71  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 147 | 17  |  |
| A72  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 147 | 17  |  |
| A73  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 147 | 17  |  |
| A75  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 147 | 17  |  |
| A76  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 147 | 17  |  |
| A100 | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 148 | 17  |  |
| A106 | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 148 | 175 |  |
| A107 | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 148 | 175 |  |
| A77  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 148 | 175 |  |
| A78  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 148 | 17  |  |
| A80  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 148 | 175 |  |
| A81  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 148 | 17  |  |
| A82  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 148 | 17  |  |
| A85  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 148 | 175 |  |
| A86  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 148 | 175 |  |
| A90  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 148 | 175 |  |
| A91  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 148 | 175 |  |
| A92  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 148 | 175 |  |
| A95  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 148 | 175 |  |
| A97  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 148 | 175 |  |
| A119 | 1 | 15/05/2015 | 149 | 667 |  |
| A122 | 1 | 15/05/2015 | 149 | 667 |  |
| A123 | 1 | 15/05/2015 | 149 | 667 |  |
| A126 | 1 | 15/05/2015 | 149 | 667 |  |
| A130 | 1 | 15/05/2015 | 149 | 667 |  |
| A134 | 1 | 15/05/2015 | 149 | 667 |  |
| A137 | 1 | 15/05/2015 | 149 | 667 |  |
| A141 | 1 | 15/05/2015 | 149 | 667 |  |
| A144 | 1 | 15/05/2015 | 149 | 667 |  |
| A147 | 1 | 15/05/2015 | 149 | 667 |  |
| A148 | 1 | 15/05/2015 | 149 | 667 |  |

|      |   |            |     |     |  |
|------|---|------------|-----|-----|--|
| A151 | 1 | 15/05/2015 | 149 | 667 |  |
| A154 | 1 | 15/05/2015 | 149 | 667 |  |
| A156 | 1 | 15/05/2015 | 149 | 667 |  |
|      |   |            |     |     |  |

**Supplementary Table S2. MLST profiles of isolates where incomplete profiles were obtained or the MLST profile was novel.**

| Isolate | ST    | Closest ST                          | <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> MLST<br>loci allele numbers |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|---------|-------|-------------------------------------|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|         |       |                                     | <i>acs</i>  | <i>aro</i> | <i>gua</i> | <i>mut</i> | <i>nuo</i> | <i>pps</i> | <i>trp</i> |
| A19     | NF    | 92 or 261                           | 105   | 5          | 30         | -          | 1          | 4          | 14         |
| B37     | Novel |                                     | 107   | 4          | 3          | 27         | 12         | 7          | 128        |
| B62     | NF    | 1404                                | 16  | -          | 6          | 3          | 4          | 7          | 1          |
| C101    | NF    | 303 (4 loci)                        | 16  | -          | 12         | 18         | 3          | 4          | 9          |
| C102    | NF    | 304 (4 loci)                        | 16  | -          | 12         | 18         | 3          | 4          | 9          |
| C103    | NF    | 305 (4 loci)                        | 16  | -          | 12         | 18         | 3          | 4          | 9          |
| C106    | NF    | 156,179,353,1494 (6 loci)           | -   | 27         | 28         | 3          | 4          | 13         | 7          |
| C119    | Novel |                                     | 5   | 1          | 109        | 3          | 1          | 1          | 47         |
| C120    | Novel |                                     | 17  | 5          | 11         | 5          | 4          | 29         | 2          |
| C164    | NF    | 1240,1985 (4 loci)                  | 28  | 5          | 46         | 5          | 1          | -          | 61         |
| C16     | NF    | 27,120,2314 (5 loci)                | 6   | -          | 6          | 113        | 4          | 6          | 7          |
| C17     | NF    | 27,120,2314 (5 loci)                | 6   | -          | 6          | 113        | 4          | 6          | 7          |
| C18     | NF    | 158,179,180,1496,2063,2109 (6 loci) | 36  | 27         | 28         | -          | 4          | 13         | 7          |
| C21     | Novel |                                     | 22  | 6          | 1          | 3          | 1          | 76         | 1          |
| C22     | Novel |                                     | 22  | 6          | 1          | 3          | 1          | 76         | 1          |
| C23     | Novel |                                     | 22  | 6          | 1          | 3          | 1          | 76         | 1          |
| C31     | NF    | 155,677,1276 (5 loci)               | 28  | 5          | 36         | -          | 3          | 13         | 7          |

|            |       |                              |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |
|------------|-------|------------------------------|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|
| <b>C32</b> | NF    | 155,677,1276 (5 loci)        | 28 | 5  | 36 | -   | 3  | 13 | 7  |
| <b>C33</b> | NF    | 155,677,1276 (5 loci)        | 28 | 5  | 36 | -   | 3  | 13 | 7  |
| <b>C4</b>  | NF    | 260 (6 loci)                 | 14 | 5  | -  | 7   | 4  | 13 | 7  |
| <b>C55</b> | Novel |                              | 28 | 5  | 11 | 11  | 15 | 75 | 1  |
| <b>C56</b> | Novel |                              | 28 | 5  | 11 | 11  | 15 | 75 | 1  |
| <b>C57</b> | Novel |                              | 28 | 5  | 11 | 11  | 15 | 75 | 1  |
| <b>C58</b> | Novel |                              | 28 | 5  | 11 | 11  | 15 | 75 | 1  |
| <b>C59</b> | Novel |                              | 28 | 5  | 11 | 11  | 15 | 75 | 1  |
| <b>C60</b> | Novel |                              | 28 | 5  | 11 | 11  | 15 | 75 | 1  |
| <b>C69</b> | NF    | 1707, 2055 (6 loci)          | 16 | 24 | 1  | 149 | 4  | -  | 19 |
| <b>C83</b> | NF    | 620 (6 loci)                 | 9  | 7  | 63 | 13  | 8  | -  | 8  |
| <b>C85</b> | NF    | 156, 179, 353, 1494 (6 loci) | -  | 27 | 28 | 3   | 4  | 13 | 7  |

**Table S3. Clonal lineages isolated from multiple patients within individual centres.** Sets of isolates from different patients attending the same centre are grouped by clonal lineage. For each such group, whole genome pairwise comparisons were carried out to determine the number of variant SNPs and INDELs. \*These isolates share a novel MLST profile and they cluster according to SNP phylogeny.

| Isolate | Centre | Isolation date | Patient | MLST | Comparison | SNPs   | INDELs |
|---------|--------|----------------|---------|------|------------|--------|--------|
| C6      | 4      | 03/03/2010     | 38      | 244  | C6-C7      | 179    | 8      |
|         |        |                |         |      | C6-C8      | 3790   | 79     |
| C7      | 4      | 23/03/2010     | 39      | 244  | C6-C9      | 3733   | 74     |
|         |        |                |         |      | C6-C10     | 3833   | 62     |
| C8      | 4      | 16/04/2010     | 40      | 244  | C7-C8      | 3736   | 82     |
|         |        |                |         |      | C7-C9      | 3714   | 75     |
| C9      | 4      | 16/04/2010     | 40      | 244  | C8-C9      | 281    | 5      |
|         |        |                |         |      | C7-C10     | 3929   | 65     |
| C10     | 4      | 16/04/2010     | 40      | 244  | C8-C10     | 603    | 14     |
|         |        |                |         |      | C9-C10     | 515    | 11     |
|         |        |                |         |      |            |        |        |
| C11     | 4      | 19/08/2010     | 41      | 282  | C11-C12    | 340    | 8      |
| C12     | 4      | 20/08/2010     | 42      | 282  |            |        |        |
|         |        |                |         |      |            |        |        |
| C29     | 15     | 03/06/2009     | 48      | 252  | C29-C30    | 168    | 3      |
| C30     | 15     | 04/06/2009     | 49      | 252  |            |        |        |
| C25     | 15     | 20/05/2009     | 46      | 253  | C25-C36    | 3428   | 43     |
| C36     | 15     | 21/05/2010     | 52      | 253  |            |        |        |
| C91     | 2      | 13/01/2011     | 76      | 253  | C76-C91    | 846    | 5      |
| C76     | 2      | 12/05/2009     | 70      | 253  |            |        |        |
|         |        |                |         |      |            |        |        |
| C77     | 2      | 03/07/2009     | 71      | 308  | C77-C86    | 277    | 1      |
| C86     | 2      | 06/08/2009     | 73      | 308  |            |        |        |
| C105    | 13     | 25/07/2009     | 83      | 840  | C105-C109  | 131    | 8      |
|         |        |                |         |      |            |        |        |
| C109    | 13     | 11/08/2009     | 85      | 840  |            |        |        |
| C104    | 13     | 16/05/2009     | 82      | 179  | C104-C108  | 10,551 | 114    |
|         |        |                |         |      | C104-C110  | 2863   | 39     |
|         |        |                |         |      | C104-C111  | 2765   | 52     |
| C108    | 13     | 11/08/2009     | 84      | 179  | C104-C112  | 1913   | 25     |
|         |        |                |         |      | C104-C114  | 6795   | 96     |
|         |        |                |         |      | C104-C115  | 6972   | 105    |
| C110    | 13     | 11/08/2009     | 85      | 179  | C108-C110  | 4780   | 78     |
|         |        |                |         |      | C108-C111  | 4852   | 66     |
|         |        |                |         |      | C108-C112  | 3780   | 62     |

|      |    |            |     |        |           |        |     |
|------|----|------------|-----|--------|-----------|--------|-----|
| C111 | 13 | 11/08/2009 | 85  | 179    | C108-C114 | 10,963 | 136 |
|      |    |            |     |        | C108-C115 | 10,833 | 133 |
|      |    |            |     |        | C110-C111 | 176    | 8   |
|      |    |            |     |        | C110-C112 | 198    | 7   |
| C112 | 13 | 11/08/2009 | 85  | 179    | C110-C114 | 3115   | 40  |
|      |    |            |     |        | C110-C115 | 3107   | 45  |
|      |    |            |     |        | C111-C112 | 148    | 4   |
| C114 | 13 | 05/12/2009 | 86  | 179    | C111-C114 | 2838   | 43  |
|      |    |            |     |        | C111-C115 | 2789   | 57  |
|      |    |            |     |        | C112-C114 | 1941   | 29  |
| C115 | 13 | 05/12/2009 | 86  | 179    | C112-C115 | 1895   | 31  |
|      |    |            |     |        | C114-C115 | 281    | 4   |
|      |    |            |     |        |           |        |     |
| C125 | 7  | 29/04/2010 | 92  | 253    | C125-C126 | 736    | 27  |
|      |    |            |     |        | C125-C131 | 1159   | 22  |
| C126 | 7  | 29/04/2010 | 92  | 253    | C125-C133 | 872    | 22  |
|      |    |            |     |        | C125-C134 | 817    | 21  |
| C131 | 7  | 08/05/2010 | 93  | 253    | C126-C131 | 9636   | 99  |
|      |    |            |     |        | C126-C133 | 5847   | 71  |
| C133 | 7  | 28/05/2010 | 94  | 253    | C126-C134 | 5883   | 70  |
|      |    |            |     |        | C131-C133 | 3486   | 40  |
| C134 | 7  | 19/12/2010 | 95  | 253    | C131-C134 | 3400   | 38  |
|      |    |            |     |        | C133-C134 | 330    | 4   |
|      |    |            |     |        |           |        |     |
| C156 | 16 | 16/11/2010 | 108 | 260    | C156-C159 | 160    | 3   |
| C159 | 16 | 09/12/2010 | 110 | 260    |           |        |     |
|      |    |            |     |        |           |        |     |
| C139 | 14 | 08/09/2010 | 98  | ST2102 | C139-C141 | 177    | 3   |
| C141 | 14 | 01/10/2010 | 99  | ST2102 |           |        |     |

Supplementary Table S4 and Figure S1 are provided in additional files:

Table S4. Clone-specific deletions, relative to PAO1

Figure S1. Core genome SNP phylogeny showing the distribution of bronchiectasis isolates. The figure shows analysis of the genomes of all bronchiectasis isolates used in this study (highlighted in blue) alongside 331 genomes from Kos et al. [14] and the genomes of commonly studied strains PAO1 (labelled PAO1107), PA14 (UCBPPPA14109), PA7 and LESB58. Line colours indicate the two major clusters of *P. aeruginosa* (I, green; II, blue) as well as those isolates not clustering in the two main groups (red).

Figure S2. Distribution of loss of function mutations. For the genes listed in Table 2, where the number of independent occurrences of a loss of function mutation was equal to or greater than five, the Figure indicates the number of isolates carrying mutations in 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 of these genes.

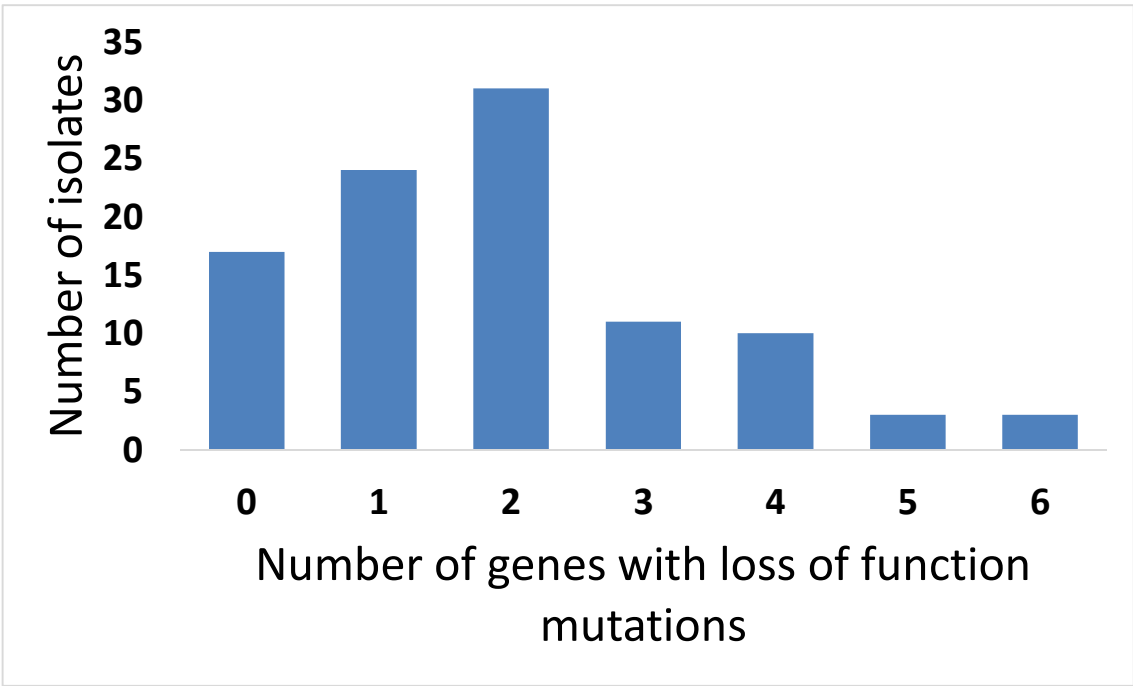


Table S5. Full list of loss of function mutations identified by variant calling. Available via the Figshare link <https://figshare.com/s/ff426bae75ee64804aa1>

Table S6. Loss of function mutations present in each bronchiectasis isolate genome. For the genes listed in Table 2, where the number of independent occurrences of a loss of function mutation was equal to or greater than five, the genes carrying such mutations are shown for each of the bronchiectasis isolates. 17 of the 99 isolates carried none of these mutations. It is worth noting that isolates found co-infecting individual patients did not share the same mutation profile (C125, C127



and C129 in patient 92; C12 and C13 in patient 42; C78 and C79 in patient 72; C86 and C87 in patient 73; C107 and C108 in patient 84; C109 and C110 in patient 85; A100 and A106 in patient 148).

| Isolate | Number<br>of Table2<br>genes<br>with loss<br>of<br>function<br>mutations | Mutations |        |       |       |       |      |  |
|---------|--|-----------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|--|
| C125    | 6  | PA4469    | mexS   | ladS  | rbdA  | betT2 | mexA |  |
| C74     | 6  | PA4469    | mexS   | chpA  | mutL  | pchE  | mexB |  |
| C87     | 6  | PA4469    | bifA   | pchE  | ladS  | chpA  | mexA |  |
| C123    | 5  | rbdA      | PA4469 | pchE  | mexS  | oprM  |      |  |
| C116    | 5  | PA4469    | mucA   | mexB  | oprF  | pchE  |      |  |
| C88     | 5  | mucA      | pcoA   | betT2 | oprF  | mexA  |      |  |
| C100    | 4  | rbdA      | PA4469 | mucA  | chpA  |       |      |  |
| C79     | 4  | rbdA      | PA4469 | mucA  | mutL  |       |      |  |
| C133    | 4  | rbdA      | mucA   | pchE  | oprM  |       |      |  |
| C95     | 4  | rbdA      | mucA   | oprM  | pcoA  |       |      |  |
| B16     | 4  | rbdA      | mucA   | mexB  | fimV  |       |      |  |
| C21     | 4  | PA4469    | mucA   | mexB  | pcoA  |       |      |  |
| C31     | 4  | PA4469    | mucA   | mutL  | fimV  |       |      |  |
| C110    | 4  | PA4469    | mucA   | oprF  | mexA  |       |      |  |
| C108    | 4  | mexB      | chpA   | mucA  | betT2 |       |      |  |
| C129    | 4  | mucA      | mexB   | oprF  | gmd   |       |      |  |
| C134    | 3  | rbdA      | mucA   | oprM  |       |       |      |  |
| C143    | 3  | rbdA      | mucA   | mexB  |       |       |      |  |
| C2      | 3  | rbdA      | mexB   | chpA  |       |       |      |  |
| A119    | 3  | PA4469    | oprF   | pcoA  |       |       |      |  |
| A46     | 3  | PA4469    | mucA   | oprF  |       |       |      |  |
| C63     | 3  | betT2     | ladS   | fimV  |       |       |      |  |
| C114    | 3  | mexB      | pchE   | betT2 |       |       |      |  |
| A163    | 3  | mucA      | mexB   | gmd   |       |       |      |  |
| C149    | 3  | mucA      | pchE   | oprM  |       |       |      |  |
| C55     | 3  | mucA      | pilJ   | oprF  |       |       |      |  |
| B113    | 3  | pilJ      | mutL   | pcoA  |       |       |      |  |
| C124    | 2  | PA0054    | mucA   |       |       |       |      |  |
| C146    | 2  | PA0054    | mexA   |       |       |       |      |  |
| C49     | 2  | PA0054    | betT2  |       |       |       |      |  |
| C51     | 2  | PA0054    | rbdA   |       |       |       |      |  |
| B114    | 2  | rbdA      | mexB   |       |       |       |      |  |
| C25     | 2  | rbdA      | mexB   |       |       |       |      |  |
| C36     | 2  | rbdA      | mucA   |       |       |       |      |  |
| C86     | 2  | rbdA      | mexA   |       |       |       |      |  |

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| 3  | C20  | 2 | rbdA   | pilJ   |
| 4  | C137 | 2 | rbdA   | PA4469 |
| 5  | C6   | 2 | PA4469 | mexS   |
| 6  | C7   | 2 | PA4469 | mexS   |
| 8  | C135 | 2 | mucA   | mexS   |
| 9  | C61  | 2 | PA4469 | mexA   |
| 10 | C42  | 2 | PA4469 | oprF   |
| 11 | A100 | 2 | PA4469 | fimV   |
| 12 | B62  | 2 | PA4469 | pilJ   |
| 14 | C131 | 2 | betT2  | ladS   |
| 15 | B34  | 2 | bifA   | betT2  |
| 16 | C12  | 2 | bifA   | betT2  |
| 18 | C11  | 2 | bifA   | betT2  |
| 19 | A1   | 2 | bifA   | ladS   |
| 20 | B3   | 2 | fimV   | pcoA   |
| 21 | C167 | 2 | mexA   | gmd    |
| 22 | C3   | 2 | pilJ   | mexB   |
| 24 | A2   | 2 | mucA   | mexB   |
| 25 | C153 | 2 | mexB   | oprF   |
| 26 | C158 | 2 | mexB   | oprF   |
| 27 | C161 | 2 | mucA   | pcoA   |
| 28 | C18  | 2 | oprM   | mutL   |
| 30 | C155 | 2 | pilJ   | oprM   |
| 31 | C94  | 1 | PA0054 |        |
| 32 | C120 | 1 | rbdA   |        |
| 33 | A3   | 1 | rbdA   |        |
| 34 | C77  | 1 | rbdA   |        |
| 36 | C91  | 1 | rbdA   |        |
| 37 | C69  | 1 | rbdA   |        |
| 38 | C156 | 1 | rbdA   |        |
| 39 | C159 | 1 | rbdA   |        |
| 41 | C107 | 1 | betT2  |        |
| 42 | C119 | 1 | bifA   |        |
| 43 | A106 | 1 | bifA   |        |
| 44 | C43  | 1 | bifA   |        |
| 46 | B199 | 1 | gmd    |        |
| 47 | C89  | 1 | gmd    |        |
| 48 | C168 | 1 | gmd    |        |
| 49 | A12  | 1 | mexB   |        |
| 51 | C54  | 1 | mexB   |        |
| 52 | C92  | 1 | mucA   |        |
| 53 | C10  | 1 | mucA   |        |
| 54 | C73  | 1 | mucA   |        |
| 55 | C142 | 1 | mucA   |        |
| 56 | C76  | 1 | mucA   |        |
| 58 | B37  | 1 | mucA   |        |
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Table S7. The presence or absence of virulence genes amongst the non-CF BE isolate genomes. Available via the Figshare link <https://figshare.com/s/626a59cfd94b13e5cf71>

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Table S4. Clone-specific deletions relative to PAO1.

| Isolate* | Deleted DNA† |         | Size of deletion (b | Deleted Genes‡ |        |
|----------|--------------|---------|---------------------|----------------|--------|
|          | From         | To      |                     | From           | To     |
| A12      | 2448472      | 2723305 | 274833              | PA2226         | PA2427 |
| A119     | 2443094      | 2624360 | 181189              | PA2221         | PA2373 |
| A119     | 5455322      | 5497400 | 42078               | PA4857         | PA4900 |
| A163     | 2543016      | 2705463 | 162447              | PA2305         | PA2421 |
| A19      | 2420900      | 2721500 | 300600              | PA2201         | PA2425 |
| A78      | 2439040      | 2574546 | 135506              | PA2218         | PA2333 |
| B34      | 1979190      | 2015165 | 35975               | PA1820         | PA1856 |
| B62      | 2461847      | 2686720 | 224873              | PA2237         | PA2402 |
| C100     | 2443095      | 2724005 | 280910              | PA2221         | PA2428 |
| C101     | 2452047      | 2578374 | 126327              | PA2229         | PA2335 |
| C119     | 2184340      | 2247131 | 62791               | PA1997         | PA2053 |
| C119     | 2487183      | 2689945 | 202762              | PA2258         | PA2406 |
| C125     | 2439064      | 2729482 | 290418              | PA2218         | PA2432 |
| C135     | 2443095      | 2588618 | 145523              | PA2221         | PA2343 |
| C137     | 2453340      | 2560360 | 107020              | PA2231         | PA2321 |
| C155     | 2440000      | 2585490 | 145490              | PA2218         | PA2431 |
| C156     | 2439060      | 2475845 | 36785               | PA2218         | PA2249 |
| C164     | 2248926      | 2451500 | 202574              | PA2055         | PA2228 |
| C164     | 2793790      | 2810695 | 16905               | PA2475         | PA2494 |
| C164     | 3914150      | 3930740 | 16590               | PA3497         | PA3514 |
| C21      | 2439057      | 2713422 | 274365              | PA2218         | PA2424 |
| C22      | 2209250      | 2442066 | 232816              | PA2018         | PA2220 |
| C4       | 111095       | 211425  | 100330              | PA0091         | PA0781 |
| C4       | 2439055      | 2666000 | 226945              | PA2218         | PA2400 |
| C44      | 2443095      | 2615075 | 171980              | PA2221         | PA2365 |
| C5       | 3841807      | 3873962 | 32155               | PA3434         | PA3463 |
| C51      | 2071372      | 2199654 | 128282              | PA1900         | PA2010 |
| C54      | 762796       | 789380  | 26584               | PA0691         | PA0717 |
| C54      | 2410960      | 2478550 | 67590               | PA2191         | PA2251 |
| C54      | 2628400      | 2817536 | 189136              | PA2377         | PA2500 |
| C61      | 4005650      | 4016519 | 10869               | PA3573         | PA3584 |
| C6       | 2448920      | 2689471 | 240551              | PA2227         | PA2405 |
| C73      | 2460955      | 2584136 | 123181              | PA2236         | PA2399 |
| C87      | 2461666      | 2606428 | 144762              | PA2237         | PA2359 |
| C87      | 2787221      | 2828217 | 40996               | PA2469         | PA2511 |
| C96      | 2705835      | 2863924 | 158089              | PA2422         | PA2535 |

\*For identical strains with the same deletion, only one strain is listed

†Coordinates of *P. aeruginosa* PAO1

‡*P. aeruginosa* strain PAO1 locus ID

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**Summary:** In **bronchiectasis**, *P. aeruginosa* co-infections occur; bacterial populations both adapt and diversify by mutation

**Abstract**

To characterise *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* populations during chronic lung infections of non-Cystic Fibrosis bronchiectasis patients, we used whole genome sequencing to (i) assess the diversity of *P. aeruginosa* and the prevalence of multi-lineage infections, (ii) seek evidence for cross-infection or common source acquisition and (iii) characterize *P. aeruginosa* adaptations.

189 isolates, obtained from the sputa of 91 patients attending 16 adult UK bronchiectasis centres, were whole genome sequenced.

Bronchiectasis isolates were representative of the wider *P. aeruginosa* population. Of 24 patients where multiple isolates were examined, there were seven examples of multi-lineage infections, most likely arising from multiple infection events. The number of nucleotide variants between genomes of isolates from different patients was in some cases similar to the variations observed between isolates from individual patients implying the possible occurrence of cross infection or common source acquisition.

Our data indicate that during infections of bronchiectasis patients, *P. aeruginosa* populations adapt by accumulating loss of function mutations, leading to changes in phenotypes including different modes of iron acquisition and variations in biofilm-associated polysaccharides. The within-population diversification suggests that larger scale longitudinal surveillance studies will be required to capture cross infection or common source acquisition events at an early stage.

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23     **Introduction**

24     **Bronchiectasis** is a chronic, progressive respiratory disease associated with irreversible  
25     widening of the bronchi [1]. Recent data suggest that in the UK incidence rates in women  
26     and men have risen to 35.2 and 26.9 respectively per 100,000 person-years [2]. In the USA  
27     the prevalence of adult **bronchiectasis** has been estimated at 52 in 100 000 people, with  
28     higher prevalence among women and older individuals [3]. Persistent *Pseudomonas*  
29     [\*aeruginosa\*](#) lung infections of **bronchiectasis** patients, occurring in approximately 30% of  
30     cases, are associated with poorer outcomes and premature mortality [4, 5].

31             The study of chronic *P. aeruginosa* lung infections has focused on cystic fibrosis  
32     (CF)-associated **bronchiectasis**, where patients are diagnosed, monitored and subjected to  
33     antibiotic therapy from a very early age. This contrasts with non-CF **bronchiectasis** patients,  
34     who present at a much older age and often have a shorter history of therapeutic interventions.  
35     Hence, bacterial isolates from non-CF **bronchiectasis** patients exhibit less resistance to  
36     antibiotics compared to isolates from adult CF patients [6]. Previous studies have  
37     characterized the evolution of *P. aeruginosa* during chronic lung infections in CF patients [7,  
38     8]. More recently, high-resolution analyses have revealed extensive heterogeneity within *P.*  
39     [\*aeruginosa\*](#) populations in the CF lung [9-12], including the co-existence of multiple  
40     divergent lineages [13].

41             In CF, a number of transmissible strains of *P. aeruginosa* have been identified,  
42     leading to the introduction of measures to control cross infection [14]. The study of *P.*  
43     [\*aeruginosa\*](#) in relation to non-CF **bronchiectasis** is less advanced. In our single centre study  
44     of 50 *P. aeruginosa* isolates from 40 **bronchiectasis** patients using molecular typing, there  
45     was no compelling evidence for cross infection or a dominant clone [15]. However, whole  
46     genome sequence analysis of multiple **bronchiectasis** isolates has not been carried out. Here,  
47     we report the use of genomics to assess the diversity of *P. aeruginosa* strains causing



infections in non-CF bronchiectasis across multiple UK centres, to identify multi-strain infections, and to look for evidence for cross-infection or common source acquisition. We also characterise adaptive mutations and present evidence for within-population divergence during *P. aeruginosa* chronic lung infections of bronchiectasis patients.

## Methods

### Patients and bacterial isolates

The 189 *P. aeruginosa* isolates used in this study (see Table S1 in the online supplementary material) were isolated from sputum samples obtained from 93 patients with bronchiectasis and chronic *P. aeruginosa* infection (defined as two or more positive respiratory tract cultures in the preceding 12 months) attending 16 adult bronchiectasis centres throughout England and Wales. These included isolates collected as part of a multi-centre nebulized antibiotic trial [16], where patients were enrolled within 21 days of completing a course of antipseudomonal antibiotics for an exacerbation. Additional isolates from Newcastle (n = 8) and Liverpool (n = 53) were collected during observational studies. The methodology used for isolating *P. aeruginosa* from patient sputum samples is described in the online supplementary material.

For 24 patients, sets of isolates (two or more) from the same sample were analysed to look for evidence of multi-lineage infections. For three of these patients (patients 147 – 149), sets of 14 or 15 isolates from a single sample were sequenced for higher resolution analysis of within-population heterogeneity. For some analyses, to avoid biases arising from inclusion of multiple clonal genomes from the same patient, a subset of 99 genomes from 91 patients was used. This subset consisted of one randomly selected genome per clonal lineage per patient (see Table S1 in the online supplementary material). We use the term “clonal lineage” to describe isolates with shared multilocus sequence type (MLST) profile and

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73 clustering according to core genome single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP)-based  
74 phylogeny.

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76 **DNA preparation and whole genome sequencing**

77 Details of the extraction of genomic DNA from *P. aeruginosa* isolates, library preparation  
78 and whole-genome shotgun sequencing using Illumina short read sequencing technology are  
79 given in the online supplementary material. The European Nucleotide Archive accession  
80 number for the study is PRJEB14952.

81 Methods used for genome sequence assembly, extraction of MLST data, phylogenetic  
82 reconstruction using the core genome, and variant calling by mapping to the genome of  
83 PAO1 [17] to identify single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) or small insertions or deletions  
84 (INDELs) are described in online supplementary material.

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86 **Identification of large deletions and virulence factor genes**

87 Genome sequences were aligned to the reference genomes *P. aeruginosa* PAO1  
88 (NC\_002516, [17]) and *P. aeruginosa* LESB58 (FM209186; [18]) and large clone-specific  
89 deletions (10 kb and above) were identified using BRIG [19]. The boundaries of deletions  
90 were determined by aligning the genome sequences with the *P. aeruginosa* PAO1 genome  
91 using Mauve [20], implemented as part of the Geneious package (www.geneious.com). The  
92 presence and absence of virulence factor genes in genome assemblies was determined using  
93 Blastable (<https://www.github.com/bawee/blastable>). The *Pseudomonas* genome database  
94 (beta.pseudomonas.com) [21] was used to facilitate analysis of gene function.

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96 **Results**

**Diversity of *P. aeruginosa* Non-CF BE isolates and evidence for *P. aeruginosa* multi-lineage co-infections**

Core genome SNP phylogenetic analysis alongside a collection of 331 *P. aeruginosa* isolate genomes from diverse clinical sources [22], indicated that the bronchiectasis isolates were widely distributed (see Figure S1 in the online supplementary material). From the 189 isolates, it was possible to extract complete MLST profiles for 160 (see Tables S1 and S2 in the online supplementary material), with the most widespread sequence types (STs) being ST-253 (PA14-like [23], 14 patients, 8 centres), ST-179 (7 patients, 4 centres), ST-17 (Clone C [23], 5 patients, 3 centres), ST-252 (4 patients, 4 centres) and ST-260 (4 patients, 3 centres). Using core genome SNP phylogeny, previous studies have sub-divided the wider *P. aeruginosa* population into two major groups (group I, which includes strain PAO1, and group II, which includes strain PA14) and one minor group of mostly unrelated clonal lineages [24, 25]. Of a subset of 99 genomes consisting of one randomly selected genome per clonal lineage per patient, 71 were located in group I and 27 in group II (Figure 1). Based on a combination of MLST genotype and core genome SNP phylogeny, of the 24 patients from whose samples multiple isolates were examined, there were seven examples of multi-lineage infections. In one patient (patient 92), three distinct clonal lineages of *P. aeruginosa* were identified. In patients 42, 72, 73, 84, 85 and 148 there were two co-existing lineages (Figure 1).

**Evidence for shared lineages causing infections in different patients attending the same centre**

The core genome SNP phylogeny identified a number of examples where closely-related clonal lineages were isolated from more than one patient attending the same centre (see Table S3 in the online supplementary material). In order to obtain a higher resolution comparison,

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these isolates were analysed using pairwise comparisons across their entire genomes (Table S3), identifying five instances where the genomes of isolates from different patients attending the same centre varied at fewer than 200 sites (C6/C7, C29/C30, C105/109, C139/C141, C156/C159; Figure 2). This level of genome similarity is greater than in some pairwise comparisons of contemporary isolates of the same lineage from the same sputum sample (see Table S3 in the online supplementary material; from 184 variant sites [C110/C111] to >750 variant sites [C125/C126]).

The draft genome sequences of the sub-set of 99 bronchiectasis isolates were examined for the presence of large (> 10kb) deletions. A total of 36 different deletions (25 over 100 kb), ranging in size from 11 to 300 kb and representing independent genetic events, were identified (see Table S4 in the online supplementary material). These were distributed across 28 genomes in the 99-member genome subset. Most genomes had only one deletion, although two (C54 and C164) had three deletions and four (A119, C4, C85 and C119) had two. In most cases, isolates of the same clonal lineages from the same patient shared the same deletions. However, in patients 45, 55, 79 and 92 not all isolates of the same lineage had the same deletion. The genomes of isolate pairs C6/C7, C29/C30, C105/109, C139/C141 and C156/C159, which are from different patients but vary at fewer than 200 sites (Table 1), were indistinguishable by BRIG analysis (example shown in Fig. 3B).

**Genomic diversity of isolates within patients can be similar to diversity between patients**

In order to further assess the within-patient diversification exhibited by *P. aeruginosa* populations, larger sets of isolates from single sputum samples were analysed for three patients : 147 (15 isolates), 148 (15 isolates) and 149 (14 isolates) (Table 1). For two of these patients, the *P. aeruginosa* population was comprised of a single clonal lineage. For patient 148, two distinct clonal lineages were identified and these two sets of isolates were analysed

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5 148 two isolates of the same lineage exceeded 300, with a median of 179 or greater (Table 1),  
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#### 11 151 **Loss of function mutations and deletions identified in multiple isolates**

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22 156 DNA repair and antimicrobial resistance (Table 2). The genes encoding all three components  
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171 this region include the *psl* genes, encoding an extracellular polysaccharide [26], genes  
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174 We next specifically examined one representative of each of the 99 clonal lineages for  
175 the presence or absence of genes associated with pathogenicity (see Table S6 in the online  
176 supplementary material). 23 of these genomes lacked one or more of the *psl* genes. In  
177 contrast, all of the genomes contained all of the *alg* genes required for making alginate and  
178 the *pel* genes required for making Pel exopolysaccharide. Eleven of the genomes lacked  
179 genes required for synthesis of pyoverdine, with nine of these also lacking an *fpvA* receptor  
180 gene for uptake of ferripyoverdine, although the genes required for synthesis of an alternative  
181 siderophore, pyochelin, were present in all cases. Eleven of the genomes also lacked two or  
182 more genes of the Type VI secretion system [PA2360 (*hsiA3*) – PA2373 (*vgrG3*)] (see Table  
183 S6 in the online supplementary material). These findings are consistent with the occurrence  
184 of deletions of the region of the genome containing Psl, pyoverdine and type VI secretion  
185 genes in multiple isolates, although in some isolates smaller deletions (< 10kb) were detected.  
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187 **Discussion**

188 We used whole genome sequencing to obtain a cross section of the diversity of *P. aeruginosa*  
189 strains causing infections in bronchiectasis in the UK. Our data suggest that the distribution  
190 of *P. aeruginosa* lineages found amongst the bronchiectasis isolate collection broadly  
191 represents what is present in the global *P. aeruginosa* population. In contrast to CF [14], we  
192 found no data to suggest that there is a widespread transmissible strain amongst the UK non-  
193 CF bronchiectasis community. However, our study did not include large numbers of patients  
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195 abundant in nature [23], were also amongst the most abundant in the bronchiectasis

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14 201 **bronchiectasis** centre, in most patients (9 of 10) the two isolates shared a common genotype,  
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16 202 with one patient found to be infected with two strains simultaneously [15]. In this study, of  
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20 204 infections. Similar multi-lineage infections have also been reported in CF, generally  
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22 205 associated with children [28]. A number of studies in CF have also demonstrated the  
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26 207 *aeruginosa* populations in the CF lung. Here, we show for the first time that similar  
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28 208 diversification occurs during infections of non-CF **bronchiectasis** patients. Both the  
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32 210 process emphasise the need to be cautious when interpreting the analysis of sputum samples  
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46 216 relatedness in different patients strongly implies that there has been common source  
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220 needed to better define the role of cross infection or common source acquisitions in this

221 patient group.

222       There was clear evidence for bacterial adaptation to the lung environment by the

223 accumulation of mutations and deletions, including loss of function mutations in genes

224 identified previously as being commonly mutated in CF, such as *mucA* (mucoidy) and *lasR*

225 (quorum sensing). It is worth noting, however, that mutations in genes encoding some of the

226 regulators highlighted in previous CF studies (*mexT*, *retS*, *exsD*, *ampR*) were observed either

227 infrequently (two *mexT* and two *ampR* mutants) or not at all (see Table S5 in the online

228 supplementary material). Mutations in global regulators potentially affect numerous

229 processes. In CF, the pathoadaptive genes identified in different studies have varied,

230 suggesting that there are multiple routes to adaptation to the CF lung [7, 8], a scenario which

231 is likely to apply also to non-CF **bronchiectasis**.

232       Loss of function mutations in genes encoding the MexAB-OprM efflux pump were

233 common amongst the **bronchiectasis** isolates. Although generally thought of as a multidrug

234 efflux system important for antibiotic resistance, this system has also been implicated in

235 virulence [30]. Hence, although it may seem counterintuitive that *P. aeruginosa* should adapt

236 by losing an antibiotic resistance-related efflux pump, it may be that the driver for selection is

237 related to a function other than antibiotic efflux. In contrast, the loss of function mutations in

238 *mexS* can be linked directly to antibiotic resistance, since mutations in *mexS* promote

239 upregulation of the MexEF-OprN MDR efflux pump [31].

240       The prevalence amongst non-CF BE isolates of deletions in a specific genomic region

241 encoding pyoverdine and Psl polysaccharide was higher than in a dataset of 331 *P.*

242 *aeruginosa* clinical isolate genomes [22], where 22 genomes lacked one or more *psl* genes,

243 only three lacked one or more of the pyoverdine synthesis genes, and only one did not have

244 an *fpvA* receptor gene. *P. aeruginosa* can utilise multiple pathways for iron acquisition [32].



During chronic lung infections in CF, *P. aeruginosa* adapts by favouring the heme utilisation route for iron acquisition rather than the pyoverdine siderophore system [33]. Our observations suggest a similar adaptation in non-CF bronchiectasis.

In order to protect itself from hostile environmental conditions or host defences *P. aeruginosa* can produce three exopolysaccharides contributing to biofilm formation: alginate, Psl and Pel [26]. It has been suggested that Psl is a key surface attachment determinant [34], whereas in the CF lung free-floating biofilm structures may be more important [35]. Other mutations favouring the production of Pel rather than Psl include mutations in *bifA* [36], *rbdA* [37], *oprF* [38] and *ladS* [39]. Hence, overall our observations indicate that in non-CF BE chronic lung infections, the Pel and alginate exopolysaccharides are favoured over Psl.

Other common loss of function mutations (in *pilJ*, *chpA* and *fimV*) are implicated in lost or amended twitching motility, an adaptation also seen both in CF [8] and in an artificial sputum biofilm model [40], suggesting that this may be an adaptation related to the viscosity of the sputum environment.

Our study represents the first comparative genomics analysis of multiple *P. aeruginosa* isolates associated with chronic lung infections of non-CF bronchiectasis patients. Although a larger, more targeted study, analysing greater numbers of isolates per sample, would be needed to determine the true prevalence of multi-lineage infections, this observation does suggest that it is common for multiple *P. aeruginosa* lineages to co-exist in bronchiectasis infections. Our study also demonstrates that within-sample diversity can be comparable in scale to the genetic variations that occur between isolates from different patients attending the same centre. These observations suggest that there is an urgent need for more detailed and larger scale longitudinal studies in non-CF patients, and for surveillance that captures the diversity within centres and would identify cross infection or common

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269 source acquisition events earlier, allowing measures to be taken in order to minimise the  
270 spread of this important pathogen.

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281 **Figure legends.**

282 **Figure 1. Evidence for multi-lineage co-infections in seven patients.** The figure shows a  
283 core genome SNP phylogeny for the sub-set of 99 isolates, confirming that all but one isolate  
284 (B113) clusters into one of two major groups. Each bronchiectasis centre is represented by a  
285 different colour. Arrows sharing the same colour indicate isolates that were obtained from  
286 the same patient. The three isolates from the same patient 92 sample are numbered 1-3.

288 **Figure 2. Example pairwise comparisons between isolates sharing the same clonal**  
289 **lineage that were isolated from more than one patient attending the same centre.** The  
290 number of SNP variations are indicated, with the number of IN-DEL variations shown in  
291 brackets. Full details are shown in Table S3 in the online supplementary material. The five  
292 examples where isolates shared fewer than 200 variant sites are highlighted in green. All

isolates of ST-244 from patients attending Centre 4 were compared, with similarity graded according to variant sites (<200, green; 200 – 3000 orange; >3000 red).

**Figure 3. Examples of alignment of genomes of bronchiectasis strains with that of reference strain *P. aeruginosa* PAO1.** Sequences identified as present (dark grey) or absent (white) in the genome of PAO1 are indicated. (A) Isolates of the same lineage (ST-253) from the same patient. From innermost to outermost, C95, C97, C98, C99, C96. A deletion present in isolate C96 only is highlighted (see arrow). (B) Pairs of isolates (from innermost to outermost C6 and C7; and C156 and C159) that both share the same clonal lineage but are from different patients attending the same hospital. Isolates C6 and C7 share a large deletion and isolates C156 and C159 share a smaller overlapping deletion (Supplementary Table S4), as indicated (see arrows). (C) Isolates of different lineages from the same patient. From innermost to outermost, A77, A80, A85 (all ST-175); A78, A81, A82 (all ST-17). A large deletion present in the ST-17 isolates is indicated by an arrow. The figures were generated using BRIG.

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**Table 1. Summary of genomic diversity observed within the same clonal lineage of *P. aeruginosa* in individual patients**

| <b>Patient</b>      | <b>Number<br/>of isolates</b> | <b>Mean<br/>SNPs</b> | <b>Median<br/>SNPs</b> | <b>SNP<br/>range</b> | <b>Mean<br/>Indels</b> | <b>Median<br/>Indels</b> | <b>Indel<br/>range</b> |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Patient 147         | 15                            | 336.35               | 261.00                 | 88-640               | 15.20                  | 14.00                    | 0-35                   |
| Patient 148 (ST17)  | 4                             | 451.50               | 482.50                 | 159-654              | 23.83                  | 25.50                    | 6-34                   |
| Patient 148 (ST175) | 11                            | 195.45               | 179.00                 | 79-403               | 9.27                   | 5.00                     | 0-36                   |
| Patient 149         | 14                            | 209.01               | 206.00                 | 68-327               | 11.40                  | 10.00                    | 3-28                   |

The table indicates the number of single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) and small insertion and deletion (INDEL) differences between the genomes of contemporary isolates from single sputum samples.

**Table 2 Loss of function mutations occurring in multiple isolates.** Only mutations predicted to lead to loss of function were included (ie. introduction of a stop codon, or a frame-shift mutation). The number of independent mutations indicates the number of isolates carrying unique mutations in the listed gene. **The Table shows those genes where the number of independent occurrences of a mutation was equal to or greater than five.**

| Gene         | PAO1 gene number | Number of independent occurrences of a mutation | Function / Comment  |
|--------------|------------------|---|---|
| <i>mexB</i>  | PA0426           | 16  | Transporter from MexAB-OprM efflux pump, antibiotic resistance, virulence   |
| <i>mucA</i>  | PA0763           | 13  | Anti-sigma factor, mutations can lead to mucoidy.   |
| <i>betT2</i> | PA5291           | 9   | Transporter, uptake of small molecules such as choline and glycine betaine, contributing to growth via phosphatidyl choline metabolism and osmoprotection |
| <i>bifA</i>  | PA4367           | 7   | Cyclic-di-GMP phosphodiesterase, inversely regulates biofilm formation  |
| <i>mexA</i>  | PA0425           | 7   | Membrane fusion protein from MexAB-OprM efflux pump, antibiotic resistance, virulence   |
| <i>pcoA</i>  | PA2065           | 7   | Copper resistance   |
| PA4469       | PA4469           | 7   | Hypothetical protein encoded by a gene in same operon as and upstream of <i>sodM</i> (superoxide dismutase; response to oxidative stress)                 |
| <i>rbdA</i>  | PA0861           | 7   | Cyclic-di-GMP phosphodiesterase, modulation of biofilm dispersal, negative regulation of Pel production   |
| <i>pilJ</i>  | PA0411           | 6   | Methyl accepting chemotaxis receptor-like protein involved in twitching motility and biofilm formation  |
| <i>oprM</i>  | PA0427           | 6   | Outer membrane protein from MexAB-OprM efflux pump, antibiotic resistance, virulence  |
| <i>oprF</i>  | PA1777           | 6   | Major porin, biofilm formation  |
| <i>chpA</i>  | PA0413           | 5   | Chemotaxis-like chemosensory protein involved in twitching motility   |
| <i>fimV</i>  | PA3115           | 5   | Peptidoglycan-binding protein, promotes type IV pilin assembly, twitching motility  |
| <i>ladS</i>  | PA3974           | 5   | Sensor kinase, implicated in switch between acute and chronic infection   |
| <i>mutL</i>  | PA4946           | 5   | Mismatch repair system, DNA repair, mutation can lead to mutator phenotype  |
| <i>gmd</i>   | PA5453           | 5   | GDP-mannose 4,6-dehydratase,  |



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| <i>mexS</i> | PA2491 | 5 | Mutations promote MexT-dependent <i>mexEF-oprN</i> expression and multidrug resistance |
| <i>pchE</i> | PA4226 | 5 | Pyochelin synthesis  |
| PA0054      | PA0054 | 5 | Hypothetical protein   |

**Online Supplementary Material for:**

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**Supplementary Methods**

**Isolation of *P. aeruginosa* from sputum samples**

All samples were cultured for routine quantitative microbiology. Sputum was homogenised with equal parts of 0.1% (v/v) dithiothreitol, and the homogenised sample was diluted in sterile distilled water to 1 in 200 and 1 in 10,000. Both dilutions were spread by Whitley Automatic Spiral Plater (WASP) onto agar plates. Cultures on Columbia blood agar, chocolate agar and cysteine lactose electrolyte deficient agar (CLED) were incubated at 37°C in 5% (v/v) CO<sub>2</sub> for up to 48 h. Cultures on Pseudomonas agar plus CFC supplement (PCFC) were incubated at 37°C in air for up to 48 h and then checked for small colony variants (SCV) after incubating on the bench for up to a further 48 h. Colony forming unit (CFU) representatives of up to four colonial morphotypes were sub cultured and stored in 15% (v/v) Glycerol for archiving at -80°C.

**DNA preparation and genome sequencing**

Genomic DNA was extracted from isolates using a Promega Wizard Genomic DNA Purification Kit, quantified using a Qubit 3.0 fluorometer (Qubit dsDNA broad range assay kit, Life Technologies) and tested for purity using a NanoDrop 1000 spectrophotometer (Thermo Scientific). Library preparation and whole-genome shotgun sequencing was performed by the Centre for Genomic Research at the University of Liverpool, UK using Illumina short read sequencing technology. Shotgun libraries were prepared from the normalised samples using TruSeq Nano library preparation kit. Following library preparation, paired-end sequencing (2 x 100 bp) was performed by multiplexing into one lane of the Illumina HiSeq platform and sequenced with SBS V4 chemistry.

Following processing, the raw Fastq files were trimmed for the presence of Illumina adapter sequences using Cutadapt version 1.2.1 [1]. The option `-O 3` was used so that the 3' end of any reads which match the adapter sequence for 3 bp or more were trimmed. The reads were further trimmed using Sickle (<https://github.com/najoshi/sickle>) version 1.200 with a minimum window quality score of 20. Reads shorter than 10 bp after trimming were removed. If only one read of a pair passed this filter, it was included in the R0 file, with files R1 and R2 containing corresponding paired-end sequences. Quality filtered and adapter trimmed short reads were *de novo* assembled and scaffolded using the A5 MiSeq assembler [2]. Genome assembly quality metrics such as N50, largest contig, and overall number of contigs were produced using QUAST [3].

### Core genome SNP phylogeny

The core genome was extracted using Panseq [4] and was defined as 500 bp fragments of all genomes in this study which matched with at least 85% similarity. A phylogenetic tree was approximated from core genome polymorphic sites, not including gaps or ambiguous bases by maximum likelihood with inner node bootstrap ( $n = 1000$ ) and 10 discrete gamma

categories. All phylogenetic analyses were performed using MEGA6 [5] and visualised using the iTOL software [6]. Long branches were reduced for clarity.

**Multilocus Sequence Typing**

MLST profiles were extracted based on the pubMLST *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* scheme (<http://pubmlst.org/paeruginosa/>) using a specific tool (<https://github.com/tseemann/mlst>).

It was not possible to extract complete MLST profiles from all genomes. In the context of this study, a lineage is defined on the basis of MLST profile and core genome SNP phylogeny.

**Whole genome pairwise comparisons**

Pairwise comparisons between assembled genomes were performed using MUMmer 3.0 [7]. Any positions in the alignment with ambiguous nucleotides were removed.

**Read mapping and variant calling**

All genome short read files (*fastq*) were mapped to reference genome PAO1 [8] using bwa-0.7.5a (mem) [9] producing a sequence alignment map (*sam*) files which were converted to binary alignment map files (*bam*) using picard tools-1.85 (<https://broadinstitute.github.io/picard/>). The reference genome was first indexed and sorted using bwa and SAMtools [10] respectively and a sequence dictionary created using picard tools-1.85. Variants were called following the Genome Analysis Toolkit (GATK) best practices workflow, as follows: duplicates were marked, the *bam* file indexed and sorted with picard tools-1.85, realignment targets created, INDELs realigned with GATK-3.3 [11] and variants called with the HaplotypeCaller module. Variants were filtered using vcffilter (<https://github.com/vcflib/vcflib>) with the standard parameters (DP >9, QUAL >10).

Resulting variant call files (*vcf*) were annotated to predict functional outcomes of variants compared with PAO1 genes using SnpEff [12]. Using SAMtools depth any variants within genes to which short reads had not aligned to 100% of its length were excluded from further analysis, leaving substitutions and short insertions or deletions (INDELs) and eliminating genes from functional variant analysis to which reads did not fully align due to sequencing error (lack of coverage) or genuine large deletions/complete absence.

### Loss of function mutations

Predicted loss of function mutations were inferred to have been acquired independently in the population if they differed by position or type between genomes. Where the position and type were the same they were inferred to be shared; in genes where a mutation was shared with other genomes, further loss of function mutations were assumed to have been acquired since the common, ancestral acquisition of the shared mutation.

### Supplementary Tables:

**Supplementary Table S1. Bacterial isolates used in this study. ST refers to the designated multilocus sequence type. \*novel shared MLST and they cluster according to SNP phylogeny. Isolates C21-C23 cluster together according to core genome SNP phylogeny. Isolates included in the subset of 99 genomes are highlighted in red. The Mutator column indicates the presence of mutations associated with hypermutability (INDEL, causing a frameshift or STOP, introduction of a stop codon). Of the 11 isolates carrying such a mutation, all but two (B113 and C78) were confirmed as having a hypermutable phenotype using assays reported previously [13]. Isolates labelled with the same letter from <sup>a</sup> to <sup>i</sup> were considered to be from the same lineage as each other on the basis of incomplete MLST profiles (see Table S2) and clustering by core genome SNP phylogeny (see Figure S1).**

| Isolate ID | Center | Date       | Patient | ST               | Mutator             |
|------------|--------|------------|---------|------------------|---------------------|
| A1         | 1      | 09/10/2014 | 1       | 17               |                     |
| A2         | 1      | 16/10/2014 | 2       | 207              |                     |
| A3         | 1      | 10/10/2014 | 3       | 252              |                     |
| A4         | 1      | 10/10/2014 | 3       | 252              |                     |
| A5         | 1      | 10/10/2014 | 3       | 252              |                     |
| B3         | 12     | 01/11/2008 | 8       | 281              |                     |
| B16        | 12     | 25/11/2013 | 9       | 253              |                     |
| B34        | 12     | 03/09/2014 | 11      | 179              |                     |
| B37        | 12     | 18/01/2012 | 12      | -                |                     |
| B62        | 12     | 03/09/2014 | 15      | -                |                     |
| B113       | 12     | 23/10/2014 | 18      | 1328             | <i>mutL</i> (INDEL) |
| B114       | 12     | 11/04/2012 | 19      | 198              |                     |
| B199       | 12     | 18/10/2011 | 32      | 1182             |                     |
| A12        | 1      | 14/11/2014 | 35      | 179              |                     |
| C2         | 4      | 14/10/2009 | 36      | 253              |                     |
| C3         | 4      | 25/02/2010 | 37      | 260              |                     |
| C4         | 4      | 25/02/2010 | 37      | - <sup>a</sup>   |                     |
| C5         | 4      | 25/02/2010 | 37      | 260 <sup>a</sup> |                     |
| C6         | 4      | 03/03/2010 | 38      | 244              |                     |
| C7         | 4      | 23/03/2010 | 39      | 244              |                     |
| C10        | 4      | 16/04/2010 | 40      | 244              |                     |
| C8         | 4      | 16/04/2010 | 40      | 244              |                     |

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| C9  | 4  | 16/04/2010 | 40 | 244             |                     |
| C11 | 4  | 19/08/2010 | 41 | 282             |                     |
| C12 | 4  | 20/08/2010 | 42 | 282             |                     |
| C13 | 4  | 20/08/2010 | 42 | 27 <sup>b</sup> |                     |
| C14 | 4  | 20/08/2010 | 42 | 27 <sup>b</sup> |                     |
| C15 | 4  | 20/08/2010 | 42 | 27 <sup>b</sup> |                     |
| C16 | 4  | 20/08/2010 | 42 | - <sup>b</sup>  |                     |
| C17 | 4  | 20/08/2010 | 42 | - <sup>b</sup>  |                     |
| C18 | 4  | 15/04/2011 | 43 | -               | <i>mutL (STOP)</i>  |
| C20 | 4  | 01/07/2011 | 44 | 878             |                     |
| C21 | 15 | 14/04/2009 | 45 | - <sup>c</sup>  |                     |
| C22 | 15 | 14/04/2009 | 45 | - <sup>c</sup>  |                     |
| C23 | 15 | 14/04/2009 | 45 | - <sup>c</sup>  |                     |
| C25 | 15 | 20/05/2009 | 46 | 253             |                     |
| C29 | 15 | 03/06/2009 | 48 | 252             |                     |
| C30 | 15 | 04/06/2009 | 49 | 252             |                     |
| C31 | 15 | 25/08/2009 | 50 | - <sup>d</sup>  | <i>mutL (INDEL)</i> |
| C32 | 15 | 25/08/2009 | 50 | - <sup>d</sup>  |                     |
| C33 | 15 | 25/08/2009 | 50 | - <sup>d</sup>  |                     |
| C36 | 15 | 21/05/2010 | 52 | 253             |                     |
| C42 | 15 | 12/07/2010 | 54 | 309             |                     |
| C43 | 15 | 28/07/2010 | 55 | 108             |                     |
| C44 | 15 | 28/07/2010 | 55 | 108             |                     |
| C45 | 15 | 28/07/2010 | 55 | 108             |                     |
| C49 | 15 | 22/02/2011 | 58 | 395             |                     |
| C51 | 15 | 23/02/2011 | 59 | 683             |                     |
| C54 | 15 | 15/06/2011 | 61 | 1342            |                     |
| C55 | 5  | 26/06/2009 | 62 | - <sup>e</sup>  |                     |
| C56 | 5  | 26/06/2009 | 62 | - <sup>e</sup>  |                     |
| C57 | 5  | 26/06/2009 | 62 | - <sup>e</sup>  |                     |
| C58 | 5  | 26/06/2009 | 62 | - <sup>e</sup>  |                     |
| C59 | 5  | 26/06/2009 | 62 | - <sup>e</sup>  |                     |
| C60 | 5  | 26/06/2009 | 62 | - <sup>e</sup>  |                     |
| C61 | 5  | 17/11/2009 | 63 | 620             |                     |
| C63 | 3  | 02/09/2009 | 64 | 27              |                     |
| C64 | 3  | 25/11/2009 | 65 | 274             |                     |
| C65 | 3  | 25/11/2009 | 65 | 274             |                     |
| C66 | 3  | 25/11/2009 | 65 | 274             |                     |
| C67 | 3  | 25/11/2009 | 65 | 274             |                     |
| C68 | 3  | 25/11/2009 | 65 | 274             |                     |
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| C73  | 9  | 05/11/2010 | 68 | 17               |                     |
| C74  | 9  | 03/12/2010 | 69 | 1202             | <i>mutL</i> (STOP)  |
| C76  | 2  | 12/05/2009 | 70 | 253              |                     |
| C77  | 2  | 03/07/2009 | 71 | 308              |                     |
| C78  | 2  | 14/07/2009 | 72 | 840              | <i>mutL</i> (INDEL) |
| C79  | 2  | 14/07/2009 | 72 | 620 <sup>f</sup> | <i>mutL</i> (STOP)  |
| C80  | 2  | 14/07/2009 | 72 | 620 <sup>f</sup> |                     |
| C81  | 2  | 14/07/2009 | 72 | 620 <sup>f</sup> |                     |
| C82  | 2  | 14/07/2009 | 72 | 620 <sup>f</sup> |                     |
| C83  | 2  | 14/07/2009 | 72 | - <sup>f</sup>   |                     |
| C84  | 2  | 14/07/2009 | 72 | 620 <sup>f</sup> |                     |
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| C86  | 2  | 06/08/2009 | 73 | 308              |                     |
| C87  | 2  | 06/08/2009 | 73 | 179 <sup>g</sup> |                     |
| C88  | 2  | 15/12/2009 | 74 | 1251             |                     |
| C89  | 2  | 25/03/2010 | 75 | 1239             |                     |
| C91  | 2  | 13/01/2011 | 76 | 253              |                     |
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| C97  | 10 | 29/07/2009 | 79 | 253              |                     |
| C98  | 10 | 29/07/2009 | 79 | 253              |                     |
| C99  | 10 | 29/07/2009 | 79 | 253              |                     |
| C100 | 10 | 13/10/2009 | 80 | 612              |                     |
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| C102 | 10 | 21/10/2009 | 81 | - <sup>h</sup>   |                     |
| C103 | 10 | 21/10/2009 | 81 | - <sup>h</sup>   |                     |
| C104 | 13 | 16/05/2009 | 82 | 179              |                     |
| C105 | 13 | 25/07/2009 | 83 | 840              |                     |
| C106 | 13 | 11/08/2009 | 84 | - <sup>i</sup>   |                     |
| C107 | 13 | 11/08/2009 | 84 | 253              |                     |
| C108 | 13 | 11/08/2009 | 84 | 179 <sup>i</sup> |                     |
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| C110 | 13 | 11/08/2009 | 85 | 179              |                     |
| C111 | 13 | 11/08/2009 | 85 | 179              |                     |
| C112 | 13 | 11/08/2009 | 85 | 179              |                     |
| C114 | 13 | 05/12/2009 | 86 | 179              |                     |
| C115 | 13 | 05/12/2009 | 86 | 179              |                     |
| C116 | 13 | 04/06/2010 | 87 | 871              |                     |



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| C117 | 13 | 04/06/2010 | 87  | 871  |                     |
| C118 | 13 | 04/06/2010 | 87  | 871  |                     |
| C119 | 7  | 23/01/2010 | 88  | -    |                     |
| C120 | 7  | 29/01/2010 | 89  | -    |                     |
| C123 | 7  | 02/04/2010 | 90  | 27   | <i>mutS</i> (INDEL) |
| C124 | 7  | 08/04/2010 | 91  | 1753 |                     |
| C125 | 7  | 29/04/2010 | 92  | 253  |                     |
| C126 | 7  | 29/04/2010 | 92  | 253  |                     |
| C127 | 7  | 29/04/2010 | 92  | 164  | <i>mutS</i> (INDEL) |
| C128 | 7  | 29/04/2010 | 92  | 164  |                     |
| C129 | 7  | 29/04/2010 | 92  | 871  | <i>mutL</i> (INDEL) |
| C131 | 7  | 08/05/2010 | 93  | 253  |                     |
| C133 | 7  | 28/05/2010 | 94  | 253  | <i>mutS</i> (INDEL) |
| C134 | 7  | 19/12/2010 | 95  | 253  | <i>mutS</i> (INDEL) |
| C135 | 14 | 02/11/2009 | 96  | 160  |                     |
| C137 | 14 | 16/04/2010 | 97  | 260  |                     |
| C139 | 14 | 08/09/2010 | 98  | 2102 |                     |
| C141 | 14 | 01/10/2010 | 99  | 2102 |                     |
| C142 | 14 | 11/02/2011 | 100 | 252  |                     |
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| C144 | 8  | 08/07/2010 | 101 | 253  |                     |
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| C150 | 6  | 27/08/2010 | 104 | 253  |                     |
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| C168 | 16 | 21/12/2010 | 115 | 17   |                     |
| A19  | 1  | 16/12/2014 | 120 | -    |                     |
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| A86  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 148 | 175 |  |
| A90  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 148 | 175 |  |
| A91  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 148 | 175 |  |
| A92  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 148 | 175 |  |
| A95  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 148 | 175 |  |
| A97  | 1 | 07/04/2015 | 148 | 175 |  |
| A119 | 1 | 15/05/2015 | 149 | 667 |  |
| A122 | 1 | 15/05/2015 | 149 | 667 |  |
| A123 | 1 | 15/05/2015 | 149 | 667 |  |
| A126 | 1 | 15/05/2015 | 149 | 667 |  |
| A130 | 1 | 15/05/2015 | 149 | 667 |  |
| A134 | 1 | 15/05/2015 | 149 | 667 |  |
| A137 | 1 | 15/05/2015 | 149 | 667 |  |
| A141 | 1 | 15/05/2015 | 149 | 667 |  |
| A144 | 1 | 15/05/2015 | 149 | 667 |  |
| A147 | 1 | 15/05/2015 | 149 | 667 |  |
| A148 | 1 | 15/05/2015 | 149 | 667 |  |

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| A151 | 1 | 15/05/2015 | 149 | 667 |  |
| A154 | 1 | 15/05/2015 | 149 | 667 |  |
| A156 | 1 | 15/05/2015 | 149 | 667 |  |
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**Supplementary Table S2. MLST profiles of isolates where incomplete profiles were obtained or the MLST profile was novel.**

| Isolate     | ST    | Closest ST                          | <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> MLST<br>loci allele numbers |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|-------------|-------|-------------------------------------|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|             |       |                                     | <i>acs</i>  | <i>aro</i> | <i>gua</i> | <i>mut</i> | <i>nuo</i> | <i>pps</i> | <i>trp</i> |
| <b>A19</b>  | NF    | 92 or 261                           | 105   | 5          | 30         | -          | 1          | 4          | 14         |
| <b>B37</b>  | Novel |                                     | 107   | 4          | 3          | 27         | 12         | 7          | 128        |
| <b>B62</b>  | NF    | 1404                                | 16  | -          | 6          | 3          | 4          | 7          | 1          |
| <b>C101</b> | NF    | 303 (4 loci)                        | 16  | -          | 12         | 18         | 3          | 4          | 9          |
| <b>C102</b> | NF    | 304 (4 loci)                        | 16  | -          | 12         | 18         | 3          | 4          | 9          |
| <b>C103</b> | NF    | 305 (4 loci)                        | 16  | -          | 12         | 18         | 3          | 4          | 9          |
| <b>C106</b> | NF    | 156,179,353,1494 (6 loci)           | -   | 27         | 28         | 3          | 4          | 13         | 7          |
| <b>C119</b> | Novel |                                     | 5   | 1          | 109        | 3          | 1          | 1          | 47         |
| <b>C120</b> | Novel |                                     | 17  | 5          | 11         | 5          | 4          | 29         | 2          |
| <b>C164</b> | NF    | 1240,1985 (4 loci)                  | 28  | 5          | 46         | 5          | 1          | -          | 61         |
| <b>C16</b>  | NF    | 27,120,2314 (5 loci)                | 6   | -          | 6          | 113        | 4          | 6          | 7          |
| <b>C17</b>  | NF    | 27,120,2314 (5 loci)                | 6   | -          | 6          | 113        | 4          | 6          | 7          |
| <b>C18</b>  | NF    | 158,179,180,1496,2063,2109 (6 loci) | 36  | 27         | 28         | -          | 4          | 13         | 7          |
| <b>C21</b>  | Novel |                                     | 22  | 6          | 1          | 3          | 1          | 76         | 1          |
| <b>C22</b>  | Novel |                                     | 22  | 6          | 1          | 3          | 1          | 76         | 1          |
| <b>C23</b>  | Novel |                                     | 22  | 6          | 1          | 3          | 1          | 76         | 1          |
| <b>C31</b>  | NF    | 155,677,1276 (5 loci)               | 28  | 5          | 36         | -          | 3          | 13         | 7          |

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| <b>C32</b> | NF    | 155,677,1276 (5 loci)        | 28 | 5  | 36 | -   | 3  | 13 | 7  |
| <b>C33</b> | NF    | 155,677,1276 (5 loci)        | 28 | 5  | 36 | -   | 3  | 13 | 7  |
| <b>C4</b>  | NF    | 260 (6 loci)                 | 14 | 5  | -  | 7   | 4  | 13 | 7  |
| <b>C55</b> | Novel |                              | 28 | 5  | 11 | 11  | 15 | 75 | 1  |
| <b>C56</b> | Novel |                              | 28 | 5  | 11 | 11  | 15 | 75 | 1  |
| <b>C57</b> | Novel |                              | 28 | 5  | 11 | 11  | 15 | 75 | 1  |
| <b>C58</b> | Novel |                              | 28 | 5  | 11 | 11  | 15 | 75 | 1  |
| <b>C59</b> | Novel |                              | 28 | 5  | 11 | 11  | 15 | 75 | 1  |
| <b>C60</b> | Novel |                              | 28 | 5  | 11 | 11  | 15 | 75 | 1  |
| <b>C69</b> | NF    | 1707, 2055 (6 loci)          | 16 | 24 | 1  | 149 | 4  | -  | 19 |
| <b>C83</b> | NF    | 620 (6 loci)                 | 9  | 7  | 63 | 13  | 8  | -  | 8  |
| <b>C85</b> | NF    | 156, 179, 353, 1494 (6 loci) | -  | 27 | 28 | 3   | 4  | 13 | 7  |

**Table S3. Clonal lineages isolated from multiple patients within individual centres.** Sets of isolates from different patients attending the same centre are grouped by clonal lineage. For each such group, whole genome pairwise comparisons were carried out to determine the number of variant SNPs and INDELs. \*These isolates share a novel MLST profile and they cluster according to SNP phylogeny.

| Isolate | Centre | Isolation date | Patient | MLST | Comparison | SNPs   | INDELs |
|---------|--------|----------------|---------|------|------------|--------|--------|
| C6      | 4      | 03/03/2010     | 38      | 244  | C6-C7      | 179    | 8      |
|         |        |                |         |      | C6-C8      | 3790   | 79     |
| C7      | 4      | 23/03/2010     | 39      | 244  | C6-C9      | 3733   | 74     |
|         |        |                |         |      | C6-C10     | 3833   | 62     |
| C8      | 4      | 16/04/2010     | 40      | 244  | C7-C8      | 3736   | 82     |
|         |        |                |         |      | C7-C9      | 3714   | 75     |
| C9      | 4      | 16/04/2010     | 40      | 244  | C8-C9      | 281    | 5      |
|         |        |                |         |      | C7-C10     | 3929   | 65     |
| C10     | 4      | 16/04/2010     | 40      | 244  | C8-C10     | 603    | 14     |
|         |        |                |         |      | C9-C10     | 515    | 11     |
| C11     | 4      | 19/08/2010     | 41      | 282  | C11-C12    | 340    | 8      |
| C12     | 4      | 20/08/2010     | 42      | 282  |            |        |        |
| C29     | 15     | 03/06/2009     | 48      | 252  | C29-C30    | 168    | 3      |
| C30     | 15     | 04/06/2009     | 49      | 252  |            |        |        |
| C25     | 15     | 20/05/2009     | 46      | 253  | C25-C36    | 3428   | 43     |
| C36     | 15     | 21/05/2010     | 52      | 253  |            |        |        |
| C91     | 2      | 13/01/2011     | 76      | 253  | C76-C91    | 846    | 5      |
| C76     | 2      | 12/05/2009     | 70      | 253  |            |        |        |
| C77     | 2      | 03/07/2009     | 71      | 308  | C77-C86    | 277    | 1      |
| C86     | 2      | 06/08/2009     | 73      | 308  |            |        |        |
| C105    | 13     | 25/07/2009     | 83      | 840  | C105-C109  | 131    | 8      |
| C109    | 13     | 11/08/2009     | 85      | 840  |            |        |        |
| C104    | 13     | 16/05/2009     | 82      | 179  | C104-C108  | 10,551 | 114    |
|         |        |                |         |      | C104-C110  | 2863   | 39     |
|         |        |                |         |      | C104-C111  | 2765   | 52     |
| C108    | 13     | 11/08/2009     | 84      | 179  | C104-C112  | 1913   | 25     |
|         |        |                |         |      | C104-C114  | 6795   | 96     |
|         |        |                |         |      | C104-C115  | 6972   | 105    |
| C110    | 13     | 11/08/2009     | 85      | 179  | C108-C110  | 4780   | 78     |
|         |        |                |         |      | C108-C111  | 4852   | 66     |
|         |        |                |         |      | C108-C112  | 3780   | 62     |

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| C111 | 13 | 11/08/2009 | 85  | 179    | C108-C114 | 10,963 | 136 |
|      |    |            |     |        | C108-C115 | 10,833 | 133 |
|      |    |            |     |        | C110-C111 | 176    | 8   |
|      |    |            |     |        | C110-C112 | 198    | 7   |
| C112 | 13 | 11/08/2009 | 85  | 179    | C110-C114 | 3115   | 40  |
|      |    |            |     |        | C110-C115 | 3107   | 45  |
|      |    |            |     |        | C111-C112 | 148    | 4   |
| C114 | 13 | 05/12/2009 | 86  | 179    | C111-C114 | 2838   | 43  |
|      |    |            |     |        | C111-C115 | 2789   | 57  |
|      |    |            |     |        | C112-C114 | 1941   | 29  |
| C115 | 13 | 05/12/2009 | 86  | 179    | C112-C115 | 1895   | 31  |
|      |    |            |     |        | C114-C115 | 281    | 4   |
|      |    |            |     |        |           |        |     |
| C125 | 7  | 29/04/2010 | 92  | 253    | C125-C126 | 736    | 27  |
|      |    |            |     |        | C125-C131 | 1159   | 22  |
| C126 | 7  | 29/04/2010 | 92  | 253    | C125-C133 | 872    | 22  |
|      |    |            |     |        | C125-C134 | 817    | 21  |
| C131 | 7  | 08/05/2010 | 93  | 253    | C126-C131 | 9636   | 99  |
|      |    |            |     |        | C126-C133 | 5847   | 71  |
| C133 | 7  | 28/05/2010 | 94  | 253    | C126-C134 | 5883   | 70  |
|      |    |            |     |        | C131-C133 | 3486   | 40  |
| C134 | 7  | 19/12/2010 | 95  | 253    | C131-C134 | 3400   | 38  |
|      |    |            |     |        | C133-C134 | 330    | 4   |
|      |    |            |     |        |           |        |     |
| C156 | 16 | 16/11/2010 | 108 | 260    | C156-C159 | 160    | 3   |
| C159 | 16 | 09/12/2010 | 110 | 260    |           |        |     |
|      |    |            |     |        |           |        |     |
| C139 | 14 | 08/09/2010 | 98  | ST2102 | C139-C141 | 177    | 3   |
| C141 | 14 | 01/10/2010 | 99  | ST2102 |           |        |     |

Supplementary Table S4 and Figure S1 are provided in additional files:

Table S4. Clone-specific deletions, relative to PAO1

Figure S1. Core genome SNP phylogeny showing the distribution of bronchiectasis isolates. The figure shows analysis of the genomes of all bronchiectasis isolates used in this study (highlighted in blue) alongside 331 genomes from Kos et al. [14] and the genomes of commonly studied strains PAO1 (labelled PAO1107), PA14 (UCBPPPA14109), PA7 and LESB58. Line colours indicate the two major clusters of *P. aeruginosa* (I, green; II, blue) as well as those isolates not clustering in the two main groups (red).

Figure S2. Distribution of loss of function mutations. For the genes listed in Table 2, where the number of independent occurrences of a loss of function mutation was equal to or greater than five, the Figure indicates the number of isolates carrying mutations in 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 of these genes.

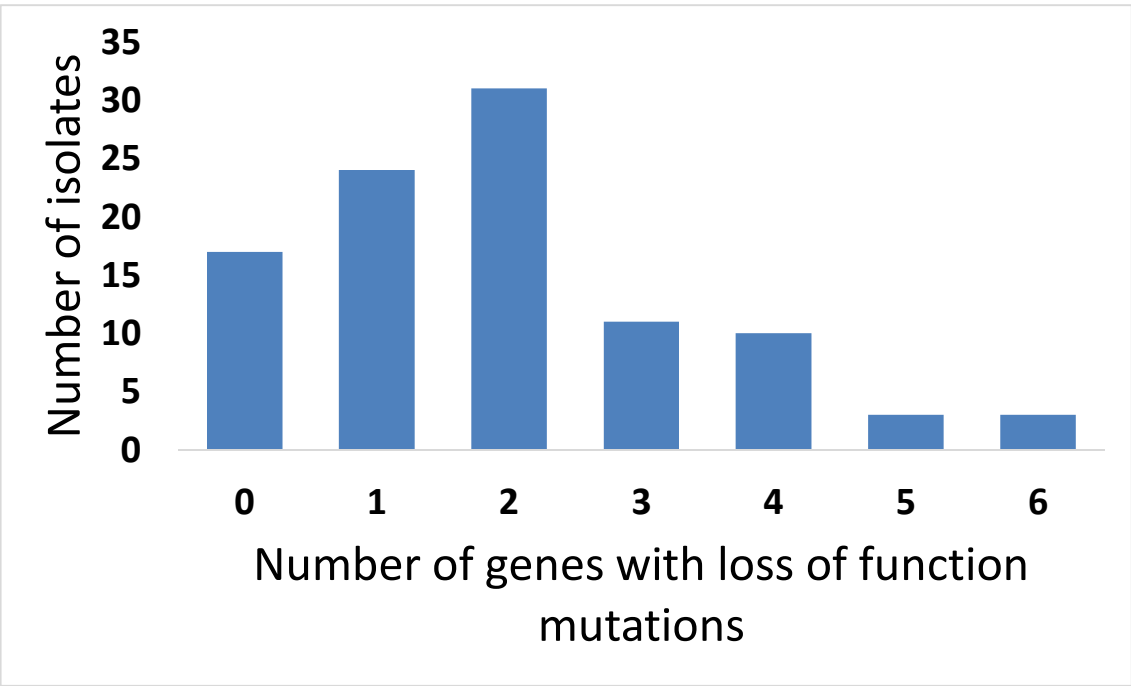


Table S5. Full list of loss of function mutations identified by variant calling. Available via the Figshare link <https://figshare.com/s/ff426bae75ee64804aa1>

Table S6. Loss of function mutations present in each bronchiectasis isolate genome. For the genes listed in Table 2, where the number of independent occurrences of a loss of function mutation was equal to or greater than five, the genes carrying such mutations are shown for each of the bronchiectasis isolates. 17 of the 99 isolates carried none of these mutations. It is worth noting that isolates found co-infecting individual patients did not share the same mutation profile (C125, C127

and C129 in patient 92; C12 and C13 in patient 42; C78 and C79 in patient 72; C86 and C87 in patient 73; C107 and C108 in patient 84; C109 and C110 in patient 85; A100 and A106 in patient 148).

| Isolate | Number<br>of Table2<br>genes<br>with loss<br>of<br>function<br>mutations | Mutations |        |       |       |       |      |  |
|---------|--|-----------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|--|
| C125    | 6  | PA4469    | mexS   | ladS  | rbdA  | betT2 | mexA |  |
| C74     | 6  | PA4469    | mexS   | chpA  | mutL  | pchE  | mexB |  |
| C87     | 6  | PA4469    | bifA   | pchE  | ladS  | chpA  | mexA |  |
| C123    | 5  | rbdA      | PA4469 | pchE  | mexS  | oprM  |      |  |
| C116    | 5  | PA4469    | mucA   | mexB  | oprF  | pchE  |      |  |
| C88     | 5  | mucA      | pcoA   | betT2 | oprF  | mexA  |      |  |
| C100    | 4  | rbdA      | PA4469 | mucA  | chpA  |       |      |  |
| C79     | 4  | rbdA      | PA4469 | mucA  | mutL  |       |      |  |
| C133    | 4  | rbdA      | mucA   | pchE  | oprM  |       |      |  |
| C95     | 4  | rbdA      | mucA   | oprM  | pcoA  |       |      |  |
| B16     | 4  | rbdA      | mucA   | mexB  | fimV  |       |      |  |
| C21     | 4  | PA4469    | mucA   | mexB  | pcoA  |       |      |  |
| C31     | 4  | PA4469    | mucA   | mutL  | fimV  |       |      |  |
| C110    | 4  | PA4469    | mucA   | oprF  | mexA  |       |      |  |
| C108    | 4  | mexB      | chpA   | mucA  | betT2 |       |      |  |
| C129    | 4  | mucA      | mexB   | oprF  | gmd   |       |      |  |
| C134    | 3  | rbdA      | mucA   | oprM  |       |       |      |  |
| C143    | 3  | rbdA      | mucA   | mexB  |       |       |      |  |
| C2      | 3  | rbdA      | mexB   | chpA  |       |       |      |  |
| A119    | 3  | PA4469    | oprF   | pcoA  |       |       |      |  |
| A46     | 3  | PA4469    | mucA   | oprF  |       |       |      |  |
| C63     | 3  | betT2     | ladS   | fimV  |       |       |      |  |
| C114    | 3  | mexB      | pchE   | betT2 |       |       |      |  |
| A163    | 3  | mucA      | mexB   | gmd   |       |       |      |  |
| C149    | 3  | mucA      | pchE   | oprM  |       |       |      |  |
| C55     | 3  | mucA      | pilJ   | oprF  |       |       |      |  |
| B113    | 3  | pilJ      | mutL   | pcoA  |       |       |      |  |
| C124    | 2  | PA0054    | mucA   |       |       |       |      |  |
| C146    | 2  | PA0054    | mexA   |       |       |       |      |  |
| C49     | 2  | PA0054    | betT2  |       |       |       |      |  |
| C51     | 2  | PA0054    | rbdA   |       |       |       |      |  |
| B114    | 2  | rbdA      | mexB   |       |       |       |      |  |
| C25     | 2  | rbdA      | mexB   |       |       |       |      |  |
| C36     | 2  | rbdA      | mucA   |       |       |       |      |  |
| C86     | 2  | rbdA      | mexA   |       |       |       |      |  |



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| 3  | C20  | 2 | rbdA   | pilJ   |
| 4  | C137 | 2 | rbdA   | PA4469 |
| 5  | C6   | 2 | PA4469 | mexS   |
| 6  | C7   | 2 | PA4469 | mexS   |
| 7  |      |   |        |        |
| 8  | C135 | 2 | mucA   | mexS   |
| 9  | C61  | 2 | PA4469 | mexA   |
| 10 | C42  | 2 | PA4469 | oprF   |
| 11 | A100 | 2 | PA4469 | fimV   |
| 12 | B62  | 2 | PA4469 | pilJ   |
| 13 |      |   |        |        |
| 14 | C131 | 2 | betT2  | ladS   |
| 15 | B34  | 2 | bifA   | betT2  |
| 16 |      |   |        |        |
| 17 | C12  | 2 | bifA   | betT2  |
| 18 | C11  | 2 | bifA   | betT2  |
| 19 | A1   | 2 | bifA   | ladS   |
| 20 | B3   | 2 | fimV   | pcoA   |
| 21 | C167 | 2 | mexA   | gmd    |
| 22 | C3   | 2 | pilJ   | mexB   |
| 23 |      |   |        |        |
| 24 | A2   | 2 | mucA   | mexB   |
| 25 | C153 | 2 | mexB   | oprF   |
| 26 | C158 | 2 | mexB   | oprF   |
| 27 | C161 | 2 | mucA   | pcoA   |
| 28 | C18  | 2 | oprM   | mutL   |
| 29 |      |   |        |        |
| 30 | C155 | 2 | pilJ   | oprM   |
| 31 | C94  | 1 | PA0054 |        |
| 32 | C120 | 1 | rbdA   |        |
| 33 | A3   | 1 | rbdA   |        |
| 34 |      |   |        |        |
| 35 | C77  | 1 | rbdA   |        |
| 36 | C91  | 1 | rbdA   |        |
| 37 | C69  | 1 | rbdA   |        |
| 38 | C156 | 1 | rbdA   |        |
| 39 | C159 | 1 | rbdA   |        |
| 40 |      |   |        |        |
| 41 | C107 | 1 | betT2  |        |
| 42 | C119 | 1 | bifA   |        |
| 43 | A106 | 1 | bifA   |        |
| 44 | C43  | 1 | bifA   |        |
| 45 | B199 | 1 | gmd    |        |
| 46 | C89  | 1 | gmd    |        |
| 47 |      |   |        |        |
| 48 | C168 | 1 | gmd    |        |
| 49 | A12  | 1 | mexB   |        |
| 50 | C54  | 1 | mexB   |        |
| 51 | C92  | 1 | mucA   |        |
| 52 |      |   |        |        |
| 53 | C10  | 1 | mucA   |        |
| 54 | C73  | 1 | mucA   |        |
| 55 | C142 | 1 | mucA   |        |
| 56 | C76  | 1 | mucA   |        |
| 57 |      |   |        |        |
| 58 | B37  | 1 | mucA   |        |
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**Table S7.** The presence or absence of virulence genes amongst the non-CF BE isolate genomes. Available via the Figshare link <https://figshare.com/s/626a59cfd94b13e5cf71>

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